

## U.S. hits Venezuela with oil sanctions to pressure Maduro

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Monday sanctioned Venezuela's state-owned oil company, ratcheting up pressure on socialist President Nicolas Maduro to cede power to the U.S.-backed opposition in the oil-rich nation in South America.

The action means Madu-

ro's embattled government would lose access to one of its most important sources of income and foreign currency along with around \$7 billion in assets of the state-owned company, Petroleos De Venezuela S.A. Hours after the White House announced the sanctions, Maduro went on state TV and called the U.S. action "immoral, criminal."

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National security adviser John Bolton speaks as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin listens during a press briefing at the White House, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, in Washington.

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In words directed at President Donald Trump, he said, "Hands off Venezuela!"

The sanctions follow the unusual decision by more than 20 countries, including the U.S., to recognize the opposition leader of the National Assembly, Juan Guaido, as the interim president of Venezuela. Maduro was re-elected last year in an election widely seen as fraudulent. The once prosperous nation has been in an economic collapse, with several million citizens fleeing to neighboring countries.

"We have continued to expose the corruption of Maduro and his cronies, and today's action ensures they can no longer loot the assets of the Venezuelan people," national security adviser John Bolton said at a White House news conference to announce the sanctions with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Bolton said he expects Monday's actions against PDVSA — the acronym for the state-owned oil company — will result in more than \$11 billion in lost export proceeds during the

next year.

Oil production — the lifeblood of Venezuela's economy — has been collapsing for years. Despite sitting atop the world's largest reserves, Venezuela currently pumps just a third of the 3.5 million barrels a day it did when the late Hugo Chavez took power in 1999. The nation's refining capacity has also declined because of poor maintenance and lack of skilled personnel. That has left it reliant on Citgo, the Houston-based refining arm of PDVSA, to refine the oil and send gasoline back to Venezuela to meet domestic needs.

"They have just lost that source," said Russ Dallen, managing partner of Caracas Capital, a brokerage company.

Venezuela is very reliant on the U.S. for its oil revenue, sending 41 percent of its oil exports to the U.S. Maduro can divert the roughly 500,000 barrels per day of oil currently being sold to Gulf Coast refineries to markets in Russia, China, India, Malaysia and Thailand. But processing international financial transactions is hard without going through the U.S. or European banks.



Workers and customers gather at a wholesale food market in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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Transport costs would also jump because Venezuela's ports aren't well-equipped to load supertankers for transporting oil to distant markets.

That means the country, which depends almost entirely on oil exports for hard currency, will be able to purchase even less food and other imports, potentially worsening shortages and deepening its economic collapse.

Outside the PDVSA headquarters in Caracas, office workers lining up to board red company buses were seeking information about the immediate impact of the U.S. sanctions. As he hurried home with his two children, one employee told The Associated Press that the sanctions signaled tough times ahead.

"Things are going to get difficult," said the man, who refused to identify himself by name because he feared reprisals from the company. "The United States is one of the few buyers who pays for the oil up front, and it's probably where most of our income comes from."

Mnuchin said any money that U.S. entities use to buy Venezuelan oil will go into a blocked account in the United States, not the Maduro government.

He said if PDVSA wants to see the sanctions lifted, there would have to be a speedy transfer of control to the interim, U.S.-backed president and a democratically elected government that is "committed to taking concrete and meaningful actions to combat corruption."

He said the Treasury Department has taken steps to allow refineries to continue importing oil from Venezuela temporarily. Also, he said Citgo will be able to continue importing oil as long as the revenue is sent to the blocked account in the United States.

"This is a country that is very rich in oil resources," Mnuchin said. "There is no reason why these resources shouldn't be used for the economic benefit of the people there."

Mnuchin said he did not expect the sanctions would cause U.S. consumers to see higher prices at gas pumps.

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, which represents 95 percent of the refining sector, has lobbied hard during the past two years against any sanctions that would disrupt imports of Venezuelan oil. The association issued a statement saying it

supported the Trump administration's goal to bring change to Venezuela.

"To that end, we will work with the administration to minimize any unnecessary disruptions or negative impacts to the market and American consumers," the association said.

Mnuchin insisted the sanctions would have only a "modest" impact on U.S. refineries because Venezuelan oil exports to the U.S. have declined steadily over the years, falling particularly sharply over the past decade as its production plummeted amid its long economic and political crisis. The U.S. imported less than 500,000 barrels a day of Venezuelan crude and petroleum products in 2017, down from more than 1.2 million barrels a day in 2008, according to the Energy Information Administration. Still, Venezuela has consistently been the third- or fourth-largest supplier of crude oil to the United States, and any disruption of imports could be costly for refiners. In 2017, the most recent year that data were available, Venezuela accounted for about 6 percent of U.S. crude imports. Valero and Citgo are among the largest importers of Venezuelan crude. □

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## Cohen agrees to talk to House intelligence committee Feb. 8

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, has agreed to talk to the House Intelligence Committee on Feb. 8, opting for closed-door testimony after pulling out of a separate public hearing due to security issues.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said Monday that Cohen will be appearing voluntarily and that the panel will work with law enforcement to make sure he is safe. Cohen last week postponed testimony he was supposed to give the House Oversight and Reform Committee, blaming threats from Trump and the president's attorney-spokesman, Rudy Giuliani.

Cohen has not detailed the threats, nor has his lawyer. But Trump and Giuliani have publicly urged the Justice Department to investigate Cohen's father-in-law, insinuating he was part of some unspecified criminal activity. Trump, for example, told Fox News this month that Cohen "should give information maybe on his father-in-law, because that's the one that people want to look at."

Trump's fixer-turned-foe is a central figure in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between Russia and Trump's campaign. Cohen also played a pivotal role in buying the silence of a porn actress and a former Playboy Playmate who both alleged they had sex with Trump. The president has denied their claims.

Cohen pleaded guilty last year to campaign finance violations and other offenses connected to the payments, and he is scheduled to begin serving a

three-year prison sentence in March. Federal prosecutors have said Trump directed Cohen to make the payments during the campaign.

Schiff, D-Calif., said Cohen had relayed "legitimate concerns" about his safety and the safety of his family. "Efforts to intimidate witnesses, scare their family members, or prevent them from testifying before Congress are tactics we expect from organized crime, not the White House," Schiff said. "These attacks on Mr. Cohen's family must stop." Cohen is also scheduled to talk to the Senate Intelligence Committee next month, in compliance with a subpoena. That interview is scheduled for Feb. 12, according to Lanny Davis, one of Cohen's lawyers.

Also Monday, Cohen's lawyers announced a shake-up on his defense team as he continues to cooperate with Mueller and prepares for the congressional testimony.

Cohen's legal team announced that two attorneys from Chicago, Michael Monico and his partner Barry Spevack, will represent him, replacing New York-based attorneys Guy Petrillo and Amy Lester.

Cohen's legal team described Monico as one of the "premier criminal defense attorneys in the country."

The legal shake-up followed what a person familiar with the matter described as a dispute over unpaid legal fees. The person, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter, said Cohen had not paid "proper fees" to his legal team.

Davis disputed that characterization, saying the



In this Sept. 19, 2017, file photo, Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's personal attorney, steps out of a cab during his arrival on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

shake-up "had nothing to do with fees."

Cohen did not immediately respond to a text message seeking for comment.

Monico and Spevack issued a joint statement Monday saying they looked forward to "helping Mr. Cohen fulfill what he has told us is his only mission — to tell the truth as he knows it and to turn the corner on his past life and taking ownership for his past mistakes by cooperating as best as he can with all governmental

authorities in search of the truth."

Monico worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago before entering private practice. He has since become one of Chicago's highest-profile white-collar attorneys dating back to the 1980s, representing those close to the levers of power in Illinois, including powerful aldermen, a confidant of now-imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and several defendants accused of corruption in

dealing with the city of Chicago. He also represented an owner of Chicago's E2 nightclub, where a stampede toward a door in 2003 left 21 people dead. Most recently, Monico and Spevack have represented a former Lithuanian parliamentarian and judge fighting extradition from Chicago to face charges in her homeland stemming from her allegations that there's a well-connected ring of pedophiles in the country. □





## Dems fear Trump re-election if ex-Starbucks CEO Schultz runs

By GENE JOHNSON and STEVE PEOPLES

Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Some of the most influential forces in Democratic politics revolted Monday against former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz's prospective presidential bid, insisting that an independent run would unintentionally help President Donald Trump win another four years in office.

The critics included the Democratic chairman of Schultz's home state, another billionaire businessman who long flirted with an independent run of his own, former President Barack Obama's chief strategist, and the most powerful super PAC in Democratic politics.

"If Schultz entered the race as an independent, we would consider him a target... We would do everything we can to ensure that his candidacy is unsuccessful," said Patrick McHugh, executive director of Priorities USA, which spent nearly \$200 million in the 2016 presidential contest.

Specifically, he seized on Schultz's apparent willingness to cut entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security to narrow the federal deficit.

"The bottom line," McHugh said, "is that I don't think Americans are looking for another selfish billionaire to enter the race."

The pushback in the early days of the 2020 campaign reflects the intensity Democrats are bringing to the race. The party is singularly focused on retaking the White House and anxious about any hurdle that would prevent them from seizing on Trump's unpopularity.

While no independent has won the presidency since George Washington, Dem-



In this March 22, 2017, file photo, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz speaks at the Starbucks annual shareholders meeting in Seattle.

Associated Press

ocrats fear that Schultz would almost certainly split their vote and give Trump an easier path to re-election. Yet Democrats concede that they had few tools to dissuade Schultz from launching an independent campaign — as he told CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sunday he was considering — though many were skeptical that he would actually follow through.

Schultz plans to spend the next month traveling around the country — in part promoting a new book — to test whether there's interest in an independent presidential candidate, according to a person familiar with his planning. However, the former Starbucks CEO may not make a final decision on running until the fall, when the direction of the Democratic primary may be somewhat clearer.

Schultz's team has polled on the viability of a third party run and believes there is an opening, though they have not shared the specifics of their internal surveys. His

advisers dispute the notion that an independent candidate would automatically bolster Trump's prospects in 2020, arguing that there are enough Democrats and Republicans disgruntled with their parties to propel a third-party bid. Schultz is being advised by a team with experience in both parties, including Steve Schmidt, who worked on Republican John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign, and Bill Burton, a Democrat who worked for President Barack Obama. Schultz's team also includes Republican pollster Greg Strimple, GOP strategist Brooks Kochvar, and Rajiv Chandrasekaran, a former journalist who has worked closely with Schultz since 2015.

Schultz has discussed with his team how much of his own money he's willing to plunge into a campaign, though the person familiar with his planning would not disclose the amount. That person insisted on anonymity in order to discuss Schul-

tz's private conversations. Schultz addressed his prospects in a video posted on social media Monday.

"At this time in America when there's so much evidence that our political system is broken — that both parties at the extreme are not representing the silent majority of the American people — isn't there a better way?" Schultz said, noting that he'd be traveling the country in the coming weeks and months meeting with voters.

"And what better expression of our democracy than to give the American people a choice that they deserve."

Yet history — and the reality of a political system designed to favor major party candidates — suggests that Schultz may do little more than play spoiler should he decide to run. Bloomberg, who studied the possibility of an independent run of his own in the past, offered Schultz a direct message based on his own experience.

"The data was very clear and very consistent. Given the strong pull of partisanship and the realities of the electoral college system, there is no way an independent can win. That is truer today than ever before," Bloomberg, who is considering a Democratic 2020 bid, said in a statement.

He continued: "In 2020, the great likelihood is that an independent would just split the anti-Trump vote and end up re-electing the president. That's a risk I refused to run in 2016 and we can't afford to run it now."

The angry voices were far and wide, and they included Obama's former chief strategist, David Axelrod, along with Democrats from Schultz's home state.

"If Schultz decides to run as an independent," Axelrod tweeted, Trump "should give Starbucks their Trump Tower space rent free! It would be a gift."

Tina Podlowski, the Democratic chairwoman in Washington state, where Schultz has lived for decades, discouraged him from running as an independent.

"A billionaire buying his way out of the entire primary process does not strengthen democracy," she said. "It only makes it more likely that our democracy will be further strained under another four years of President Donald Trump."

Perhaps trying to elevate Schultz, who is not well known among Democratic primary voters, Trump himself weighed in on Monday, tweeting that Schultz "doesn't have the 'guts' to run for President!"

The 65-year-old Seattle billionaire launched a tour Monday to promote his latest book, "From the Ground Up: A Journey to Reimagine the Promise of America." □





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## Insurance claims from deadly California wildfires top \$11.4B

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — Insurance claims from California's deadly November 2018 wildfires have topped \$11.4 billion, making the series of fires some of the most expensive in state history, officials said Monday.

The latest tally adds to growing concerns about the future availability of home insurance in wildfire-prone areas.

More than \$8 billion of the November 2018 losses stem from the fire that leveled the town of Paradise, killing 86 people and destroying roughly 15,000 homes. The other \$3 billion in losses are from two Southern California wildfires that ignited the same week.

The numbers were expected to rise, though not dramatically, state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara said. So far, total damage for 2018 wildfires is close to \$12.4 billion.

"These are massive numbers for us," Lara said.

California's wildfires are increasingly destructive and the fire season is stretching longer due to climate change. A series of 2017 wildfires in Northern California's wine country and in parts of Southern California became the state's most expensive in history at \$11.8 billion.

It has already become harder for people in fire-prone areas to get or keep insurance, although Lara said the state is not at a point where it's impossible for homeowners to find it. A recent law requires insurers who do not renew policies to notify customers of other options, including a pooled



This Dec. 3, 2018, file photo shows homes leveled by the Camp Fire line the Ridgewood Mobile Home Park retirement community in Paradise, Calif.

Associated Press

insurance plan of last resort known as the "FAIR plan."

"We want to make sure that we're monitoring the situation, and right now we don't feel this is an area we should be alarmed about," he said.

Still, he said the worsening fires put California "in uncharted territory." The insurance department is beginning to collect information on non-renewed policies to assess patterns such as location, he said.

Representatives from the insurance industry acknowledged that some insurers may stop doing business in certain areas. But they said

plans should still be widely available.

"California still has a competitive market, there are other carriers moving into place to write new business," said Nicole Mahrt-Ganley of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, which represents about 60 percent of the nation's property casualty insurance market.

Pacific Gas & Electric Corp., California's largest utility, is preparing to file for bankruptcy as early as Tuesday. Company officials say the utility cannot afford an estimated \$30 billion in costs

related to deadly 2017 and 2018 wildfires.

California law makes utilities entirely liable for damage from wildfires sparked by their equipment, regardless of whether they are found to be negligent. The bankruptcy would consolidate the victims' lawsuits and could potentially leave thousands of wildfire victims without compensation.

State investigators recently found that PG&E equipment did not spark one of the most destructive 2017 fires, but the cause of the Paradise wildfire has not yet been determined.

After insurers pay out claims, they can try to get back the money from a utility if it is found at fault.

Armand Feliciano, vice president of the industry group, said he hopes the bankruptcy process is fair to people suffering losses and to insurers.

Regardless of what happens with PG&E, California's insurers are prepared to pay out all the claims, most of which were filed by residential property owners, Lara said.

"We are confident that the insurers have the money to make sure that we make people whole," Lara said. □



# Los Angeles mayor touts major drops in crime in 2018

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS**

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Crime is down in every category in Los Angeles and homicides are at their second lowest in more than 50 years, the city's mayor and police chief announced Monday. At 259, homicides in the nation's second-largest city fell 8.2 percent last year, while rapes were down 12.4 percent, gang crimes decreased by 8 percent and property crime went down 2 percent, Mayor Eric Garcetti said at a news conference.

"It's pretty remarkable," said Garcetti, a Democrat who is considering running for president.

"This is one of the safest times to live in Los Angeles in all of our history," said Los Angeles police Chief Michel Moore, who became chief last year.

In 1992, when murders peaked in Los Angeles during the crack cocaine epidemic, there were 1,092 homicides.

Garcetti and Moore both compared last year's statistics to those from the 1990s.



In this July 24, 2018, file photo Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore speaks at a news conference at police headquarters in Los Angeles.

**Associated Press**

Violent crime is down 67 percent and property crime is down 60 percent since 1992, Garcetti said.

Moore also pointed out that the 1,008 shooting victims in 2018 were 48 fewer than 2017, 169 fewer from 2016 and 900 fewer than in 2007.

They credited increased diversity of officers, more street patrols and gang intervention for the drops.

Garcetti said the drop is noteworthy considering Los Angeles' growing population. He also pointed out that some of the other largest cities in the U.S. saw more homicides than Los Angeles in 2018.

New York had 289, Chicago had more than 530, Houston had at least 279, and Philadelphia more than 350.

Moore emphasized the

continued need for gang intervention, pointing out that 50 percent of all homicides in Los Angeles are gang-related.

He also said too many homeless people, nearly 3,000, were victims of crimes in 2018, calling it "the humanitarian crisis of our generation."

Garcetti and Moore also addressed a report by The Los Angeles Times that found LAPD's elite Metropolitan division disproportionately stopped black drivers.

Garcetti said the report is "deeply concerning" and he's asked for a further review of its findings.

"I want us to look carefully about how we're policing Los Angeles," Garcetti said, adding that audits of the department's gang enforcement and metro divisions are underway.

"We'll get information instead of having speculation," he said.

Moore said the department doesn't tolerate discrimination and the report renews an important question about just how the de-

partment's enforcement strategies impact the community.

But he said he's concerned the report was too simplistic and that the incidence of violent crime "does not strictly follow the proportionality of the ethnic makeup of the community."

"Neither should our enforcement strategies," he said, adding that the department is focused on de-escalation and outreach. "Critically important is that the communities of South Los Angeles and particularly the African American community have confidence that this department's efforts are genuine and intended to save lives." He said the department has had 11 fewer officer-involved shootings in 2018 and for the first time began regularly releasing body camera footage of such incidents.

Garcetti announced the drop in crime on the heels of another success: He helped broker an end to a six-day teachers' strike last week. □

# Koch group touts education push on curriculum, technology



In this photo May 22, 2012 file photo, Charles Koch speaks in his office at Koch Industries in Wichita, Kan.

**Associated Press**

By **SALLY HO**

**Associated Press**

**INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP)** — Officials with the powerful political network led by conservative billionaire Charles Koch said Monday that they are promoting a state-level education strategy that they hope educators and teachers unions will support.

The Koch network is launching a new group next month that will focus on 15 million kindergarten through 12th-grade students in five unnamed states, chairman Brian Hooks said.

Hooks didn't give details on the policy priorities but said the initiative will focus on curriculum, technology and uniting a broad coal-

ition that will include outreach to teachers.

"It includes investments in curriculum to better support teachers and students, new technology to help families find the right options for their kids, and in public policy reforms that begin to get at the root causes and not just the symptoms of the challenges we see in the education system today," Hooks said.

The announcement was made during a private retreat for wealthy donors who have committed to giving at least \$100,000 annually to the sprawling Koch network of political, policy, educational and philanthropic organizations.

The Koch education effort follows a national educators uprising that began last year over teacher pay and classroom conditions and escalated to major teacher strikes that shut down

schools in multiple states. Los Angeles teachers in the nation's second-largest school district recently reached a deal, and teachers in Denver have plans to strike.

"They're expressing legitimate concerns, but the current approach means that nobody wins, so they need better options," Hooks said. "And we see an opportunity to come into this conversation and really shake things up."

Longtime Koch network donor Frank Baxter, a former charter school executive in California, said he was thrilled the organization was digging into K-12 issues. He said private school scholarships, charter schools and online learning could be important avenues to reform failing schools.

"We're just beginning to evolve to work on K-12 education and trying to pro-

mote good policy but also to again unleash entrepreneurial ideas throughout the community," said Baxter, who is also a retired banking executive and former U.S. ambassador to Uruguay.

The Koch network said school choice will likely be one of a dozen or more priorities of the new initiative but said it's too early to discuss its comprehensive policy agenda, which is a work in progress.

National union leaders with the National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers couldn't immediately be reached for comment. Some teachers have in recent years been vocal about rejecting the money and influence of billionaire philanthropists in the education system, especially when it comes to steering public money toward private and charter schools. □





In this Jan. 24, 2019 file photo, Wilber Ernesto Martinez-Guzman, 19, of El Salvador, is escorted into the courtroom for his initial appearance in Carson City Justice Court in Carson City, Nev.

Associated Press

## Salvadoran accused of 4 Nevada killings worked for 2 victims

By SCOTT SONNER and KEN RITTER

Associated Press

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — A 19-year-old Salvadoran man facing murder charges in four killings over a six-day span in Nevada worked last year as a landscaper at the home of a Reno couple he's accused of killing, using a gun that he stole from their property, authorities said.

Wilber Ernesto Martinez-Guzman told investigators he used a .22-caliber revolver stolen less than two weeks earlier from the property of Sharon and Gerald David to kill them Jan. 16. "The lady was coming out. I got scared and shot at her," Martinez-Guzman is quoted telling a Washoe County detective in an affidavit filed in Reno on Monday. It alleged that he broke into "outbuildings" on the sprawling David property on Jan. 3 and Jan. 4 and made off with a cache of rifles and the handgun. Martinez-Guzman had worked for a landscaping company at the Davids' property for four months, ending last July. It was not immediately clear if the job linked him to two women

he is accused of killing in nearby Gardnerville.

The document was used to obtain an arrest warrant for Martinez-Guzman, who was arrested Jan. 19 in Carson City and is jailed there on charges that he possessed weapons and other items stolen from the Davids and sold jewelry belonging to Gerald David and another victim.

Martinez-Guzman admitted also killing Gerald David, and the affidavit alleges that his DNA was found on the .22-caliber gun also used to kill Connie Koontz and Sophia Renken in their homes. Koontz was found dead Jan. 10. Renken's body was found Jan. 13.

The Davids were prominent Reno Rodeo Association members, and Martinez-Guzman is accused of possessing several Western-style belt buckles bearing their names stolen from their home.

Someone using an Apple account belonging to Martinez-Guzman's mother tried to activate an Apple watch stolen from Koontz, the affidavit said.

The mother, identified in the affidavit as Sonia Guzman, hasn't been charged

with a crime but was questioned by immigration authorities following her son's arrest and was given a hearing date, Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong said.

She was the registered owner of a 2006 BMW 325i that Martinez-Guzman was driving when he was arrested, and in which authorities say they found the murder weapon.

The .22-caliber revolver was recovered from the car, and the affidavit said a .22-caliber bullet with DNA matching Martinez-Guzman was found on the kitchen floor at the David home.

Douglas County District Attorney Mark Jackson told reporters Monday that investigators in Douglas and Washoe counties had "a high level of confidence" that Martinez-Guzman acted alone in the killings.

Washoe County DA Chris Hicks said it could be 30 days before prosecutors decide whether to pursue the death penalty against him.

Hicks said Martinez-Guzman's immigration status had nothing to do with the criminal charges, which also included five burglary counts. □

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Police investigate the scene where several Houston Police officers were shot in Houston on Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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## Houston police say 5 officers injured in shooting

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Five Houston officers were injured in a shooting Monday in an incident involving a suspect and taken to a hospital, police said.

Houston police tweeted the officers were "struck with gunfire following an encounter with a suspect" Monday afternoon in a neighborhood in southeast Houston.

Joe Gamaldi, president of the Houston Police Officers' Union, tweeted that two officers were in critical condition and the other three in stable condition at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston. One of the officers was transported to the hospital by helicopter, Gamaldi said. "Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers," he said.

A suspect was dead at the

scene and SWAT officers were working to make sure no one else was inside the building where the shooting took place, police said. Additional information on the suspect was not immediately available.

Both Turner and Police Chief Art Acevado went to the hospital where the injured officers were taken, but didn't immediately comment to media there. They were scheduled to hold a news conference later Monday evening. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said the shooting was a "solemn reminder" of the service and sacrifices made by officers.

"The city of Houston and the Houston Police Department will have whatever state resources they need to bring swift justice to those involved," Abbott said in a statement. □



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## Pope reaffirms priest celibacy but makes case for exception

By NICOLE WINFIELD

**ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE (AP)** — Pope Francis is ruling out any lifting of the celibacy requirement for priests but says there's reason to consider ordaining older, married men in remote communities where priests are in short supply.

Francis said he believes priestly celibacy is a gift for the Catholic Church and opposes a blanket change to make it optional. But he said "pastoral necessity" might justify alternative options in certain parts of the world.

"I think the problem should be opened in this sense: Where there's a pastoral problem because of a lack of priests," he said. "I'm not saying it should be done, because I haven't reflected



In this picture taken Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, Pope Francis, flanked by Vatican spokesman Alessandro Gisotti, answers reporters' questions aboard the plane after taking off from Panama City. Associated Press

or prayed enough about it. But theologians must study it."

Francis' comments, to reporters on the way home Sunday from Panama,

open the way for discussion about celibacy in the run-up to a big meeting of bishops from the Amazon at the Vatican in October. Brazil's bishops have long pushed

for the church to consider ordaining so-called *viri probati*, older married men of proven virtue, to minister in remote parts of the Amazon where the faithful can go weeks or months without Mass and evangelical and Pentecostal churches are making inroads as a result.

Francis was asked about the possibility that the Latin Rite church might follow the Eastern rite Catholic Church, where married men can be ordained. He ruled out an across-the-board opening, repeating a famous phrase by Pope Paul VI, who was also under pressure in the sexual revolution of the 1960s to allow married priests. "I'd rather give my life before changing the law on celibacy,"

Francis said.

The celibacy question has been a mainstay in Catholic debate given it is a discipline, not a doctrine, and therefore can change. The church has had the tradition since the 11th century, imposed part to spare the church the financial burdens of providing for large families and to ensure that any assets of the priest would pass to the church, not his heirs.

Proponents of a relaxation of the rule say more men would consider a vocation to the priesthood if they could marry, a surefire fix to the decline in priests globally.

More recently, the issue has made headlines in the context of the sex abuse scandal. □

## Italy to seek court ruling Dutch must deal with migrant boat



Protesters gather during a demonstration in support of German humanitarian group Sea-Watch, in front of the Italian lower chamber's Montecitorio palace, in Rome, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019. Associated Press

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**ROME (AP)** — Italy has decided to ask the European human rights court to rule that the Netherlands must deal with a Dutch-flagged

migrant rescue boat stranded off Sicily.

The Italian premier's office said Monday night that on Tuesday it will ask the France-based court to de-

cide that the Dutch have jurisdiction. Italy won't let the Sea-Watch 3 disembark the 47 migrants because the populist government's anti-migrant policy forbids humanitarian boats which rescue migrants in the waters off Libya to enter Italian ports and disembark those they save from foundering smugglers' boats.

A statement from the premier's office said the captain of Sea-Watch 3, which rescued the migrants on Jan. 19, along with the head of the humanitarian mission of the German NGO have brought the boat's plight to the attention of the court in Strasbourg.

It wasn't immediately clear if the court has agreed to hear any case about Sea-Watch 3.

The government on Tuesday "will affirm that it's not Italy that must respond in this case in the light of national and international law."

The statement said the boat boldly put at risk the lives of the migrants aboard when, in agitated waters, it didn't seek shelter about 40 nautical miles (46 statute miles) away on the Tunisian coast last week, but instead sailed farther toward Italy.

Italy, should the Netherlands' jurisdiction be recognized by the court, would offer to set up a kind of "humanitarian corridor" to transfer the migrants to that country. Italian news reports have said Dutch authorities contend it doesn't intend to take the migrants.

Sea-Watch 3's plight is the latest in several cases of migrants stuck for days aboard rescue vessels since Premier Giuseppe Conte's government began in June with a pledge to drastically reduce the numbers of rescued migrants reaching Italian shores. About 600,000 migrants, many of whom were denied asylum by Italy, have reached Italy on rescue boats in recent years. In a separate crackdown on migrants, police in Sicily earlier Monday broke up a suspected Nigerian drug ring based in a migrant housing complex in Mineo. Catania police said Monday that the ring dealt in cocaine, marijuana and other drugs, and acted like an organized criminal clan. □



# UK leader under new pressure to secure EU Brexit concessions

By JILL LAWLESS  
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Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Pro-Brexit British lawmakers were mounting a campaign Monday to rescue Prime Minister Theresa May's rejected European Union divorce deal in a parliamentary showdown, as major retailers warned the U.K. could face food shortages if it leaves the bloc without an agreement.

Lawmakers threw out May's Brexit deal two weeks ago and will debate and vote Tuesday on competing plans for what to do next. Britain is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29, with or without a deal.

Much of the business world says a no-deal Brexit would cause economic chaos by eliminating existing EU trade agreements and imposing tariffs, customs checks and other barriers between the U.K. and its main export market.

Chief executives of fast-food company McDonald's



British Union flags fly in front of The Houses of Parliament in London, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019.

Associated Press

and supermarket chains Sainsbury's and Waitrose were among signatories to a letter to lawmakers warning of "significant disruption" if the U.K. leaves without a deal, given that nearly a third of Britain's food comes

from the EU.

"While we have been working closely with our suppliers on contingency plans it is not possible to mitigate all the risks to our supply chains," said the retailers, who urged lawmakers to

avoid a no-deal departure.

"We anticipate significant risks to maintaining the choice, quality and durability of food that our customers have come to expect in our stores," they added.

May says she wants a deal,

and insists her agreement can still win Parliament's backing, if it is tweaked to alleviate concerns about a provision over the Irish border.

The government hopes to bring the deal back for a new vote in Parliament in February.

The border measure, known as the backstop, would keep the U.K. in a customs union with the EU in order to remove the need for checks along the frontier between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland after Britain leaves the bloc.

That border is crucial to the divorce deal because it will be the only land frontier between the U.K. and the EU after Brexit. Border checkpoints have disappeared since Ireland and Britain both became members of the EU single market in the 1990s, and since the 1998 Good Friday peace accord largely ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland. □

# ECB: Trade peace would remove big drag on eurozone growth

By DAVID McHUGH  
Associated Press

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — With gloom spreading over the economy of the 19 countries that use the euro, European Central Bank head Mario Draghi said Monday that much of the drag on growth would ease if "clarity and peace" were to break out in the trade dispute between the U.S. and China.

Draghi said that "the key factor that we have to look at is the persistence of all these various causes, various geopolitical factors," such as uncertainty about tariffs and whether Britain will leave the European Union without a negotiated deal.

He said during a question and answer session in the European Parliament that many members of the bank's governing council expressed the view during their meeting Thursday "that if there were all of a sudden clarity and peace in trade relations between



President of European Central Bank Mario Draghi talks to the media during a press conference following the meeting of the ECB governing council in Frankfurt, Germany, Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019.

Associated Press

the U.S. and China, much of the slowdown would probably wash out."

The eurozone's impetus

from trade has sagged, even as domestic demand is helped by falling unemployment and rising wage.

U.S. and Chinese officials are to meet this week for trade talks that could stave off further hikes in punitive

tariffs imposed by both sides.

Draghi said issues clouding the outlook were anxiety about Brexit and the slowdown in China, though Draghi added that the ECB was confident that the Chinese government was "taking appropriate actions there."

Economic growth in Europe slowed in the last half of 2018 and indicators at the start of this year have been weak against the background of concerns about slackening global trade and unsettling swings in stock prices. The weak patch comes just after the ECB ended a nearly four-year stimulus program involving the purchase of 2.6 trillion euros (\$3.0 trillion) in government and corporate bonds with newly created money, and with one of the bank's key interest rate benchmarks below zero, at minus 0.4 percent. The eurozone grew 0.2 percent in the third quarter over the quarter before. □



# US envoy: 'Agreement in principle' on Afghan peace talks

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — Negotiators for the U.S. and the Taliban insurgents have reached "agreements in principle" on key issues for a peace deal that would end 17 years of war in Afghanistan, the top U.S. envoy said Monday.

The statement by U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad followed six days of talks last week with the Taliban in Qatar, where he urged the Islamic insurgent group to enter into direct negotiations with the government of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

Ghani on Monday assured Afghans that their rights will not be compromised in the name of peace with the Taliban, who have been staging near-daily attacks against Afghan forces, causing scores of casualties every week. Their offensive has not let up despite the severe Afghan winter and the insurgents now hold sway over nearly half of the country.

Khalilzad said in an interview with The New York Times that an agreement in principle was reached with the Taliban on the framework of a peace deal "which still has to be fleshed out" that will see the insurgents commit to guaranteeing that Afghan territory is not used as a "platform



In this photo released by the Afghan Presidential Palace, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, center, speaks to U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, third left, at the presidential palace in Kabul. Afghanistan, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

for international terrorist groups or individuals."

He said the deal could lead to a full pullout of U.S. troops in return for a cease-fire and Taliban talks with the Afghan government. In his statement released by the U.S. Embassy, Khalilzad said, "We made progress on vital issues in our discussions and agreed to agreements in principle on a couple of very important issues. "There is a lot more work to be done before we can say we have succeeded in our efforts but I believe for

the first time I can say that we have made significant progress," he said.

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said he has been briefed on the talks and described them as encouraging, but he also told reporters that the department has not been directed to prepare for a full withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Speaking before a meeting at the Pentagon with Shanahan, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said any discussion about the withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan would be premature. He said Khalilzad had briefed NATO allies on the talks weeks ago.

"We are in Afghanistan to create the conditions for a peaceful negotiated solution," Stoltenberg said. "We will not stay longer than necessary, but we will not leave before we have a situation that enables us to leave or reduce the number of troops without jeopardizing the main goal of our presence and that is to prevent Afghanistan from becoming a safe haven for international terrorists once again."

He added that he believes it's too soon to speculate on withdrawal because "what we have to do now is

to support the efforts to try to find a peaceful solution. We strongly support those efforts."

Ghani sought to assure Afghans that no deals would be made without Kabul's awareness and full participation.

"Our commitment is to provide peace and to prevent any possible disaster," Ghani said in an address to the nation. "There are values that are not disputable, such as national unity, national sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Ghani's office said he and Khalilzad met late Sunday in Kabul to discuss details from the talks.

Khalilzad's statement emphasized the inclusion of the Afghan government in the talks.

"There is a false narrative that Afghans are not included. That is not true. The Afghan voice is there," he said. "We are working together to get to a comprehensive cease-fire. We are working with the Afghan government, with international partners, to find implementing mechanisms to reach these goals."

Khalilzad has met with the Taliban on a number of occasions in recent months in the latest bid to end America's longest war. The U.S. invaded Afghanistan after

the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to topple the Taliban, who were harboring Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

The statement from Ghani's office also claimed that the Taliban demanded from Khalilzad the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan, but that there was also no agreement on that issue.

The statement added that Khalilzad has no authority to discuss issues such as a future Afghan administration but that his goal is to facilitate an intra-Afghan dialogue, meaning direct talks between the Taliban and Kabul.

Khalilzad had tweeted Saturday about progress in the talks in Qatar, where the insurgents have a political office, saying: "Meetings here were more productive than they have been in the past."

"We made significant progress on vital issues," he tweeted, without offering details.

Abdul Hakim Mujahid, a former Taliban official and currently a member of the High Peace Council, an independent body of clerics and respected Afghan figures, said he believes the Qatar talks resulted in a "good understanding between both sides" but that more discussions are needed in the coming weeks or months.

"Afghanistan's problem is not so simple that it can be solved in a day, week or month, it needs more time and more discussions," Mujahid told The Associated Press. The Taliban have in the past refused to negotiate directly with Kabul — a standing that does not appear to have changed. They have maintained that they are prepared to talk with U.S. officials only and only about the pullout of foreign forces from Afghanistan. Afghan political analyst Waheed Muzhda says he believes that Khalilzad and the Taliban have reached agreement on both the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan and a cease-fire deal, but that neither side is prepared to say so at this point. □

## Hamas says Egypt will reopen Gaza crossing for 3 days

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** — Hamas says Egypt will briefly open its border with Gaza in both directions for first time in three weeks.

The Hamas-run Interior Ministry in Gaza says the Rafah crossing will operate for three days starting Tuesday.

Egypt has kept the crossing shut for outbound Palestinians since the Palestinian Authority withdrew its forces earlier this month in a dispute with Hamas.

The Islamic militant group seized power in Gaza in 2007, but allowed the Western-backed Palestinian Authority to operate the crossing in a 2017 reconciliation agreement that has since unraveled. Rafah is the main gate to the outside world for Gaza's 2 million residents. Under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade imposed more than a decade ago to isolate Hamas, traffic at the crossing has been significantly curtailed. □





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## Prominent Chinese human rights lawyer sentenced to 4½ years

By DAKE KANG

**BEIJING (AP)** — Prominent Chinese human rights lawyer Wang Quanzhang was sentenced to 4½ years in prison on the charge of subversion of state power Monday, more than three years after he was detained in a sweeping crackdown on the legal profession.

The No. 2 Intermediate Court in the northeastern city of Tianjin announced the sentence in an online statement, adding that Wang's political rights were also being withheld for five years.

Wang's wife, Li Wenzu, told The Associated Press she is worried about her husband's health while he is incarcerated.

"Wang Quanzhang has never committed a crime, but they still forcibly charged him with a crime," Li said. "I think this is because he wouldn't compromise with them, wouldn't admit any crime."

"So I firmly refuse to recognize or accept this result," Li said.

Wang was a member of the Fengrui law firm that was well known for its advocacy work. As such, he pursued land rights cases



Li Wenzu, wife of prominent Chinese human rights lawyer Wang Quanzhang reacts after Wang's sentencing, at her house in Beijing, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

on behalf of poor villagers and represented members of the banned Falun Gong meditation sect.

Rights groups condemned the verdict, with Amnesty International China researcher Doriane Lau calling it a "gross injustice."

"It's outrageous that Wang Quanzhang is being punished for peacefully standing up for human rights in China. He must be immediately and uncondition-

ally released," Lau said in a statement.

Human Rights Watch said the sentence made a "mockery of the 'rule of law'" being championed by the ruling Communist Party under President Xi Jinping.

"Authorities' treatment of him ... is the true metric of rule of law in China," the group said in a statement. Wang was tried in a closed hearing last month after

being held without access to his lawyers or family since 2015, when he became one of more than 200 legal activists detained during a crackdown. It wasn't clear whether his time in detention would be counted against his sentence.

The subversion charge is only hazily defined, and it wasn't clear what specific acts Wang had been accused of committing. The authorities regularly try

people accused of such charges behind closed doors on the presumption that opening them to the public might expose state secrets — a practice activists say is a thin excuse for a failure to provide solid evidence.

Trials for rights activists in China often draw out over years while the accused are held under harsh conditions that can endanger their health, including frequent accusations of torture, while being routinely denied the right to hire their own legal representation and receive visits from family members.

China's best-known prisoner of conscience, Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo, was serving an 11-year sentence for "inciting subversion of state power" when he died of liver cancer in 2017. He helped write Charter 08, a manifesto calling for political and economic liberalization. Legal advocacy flourished for a time after China opened up its society and economy in the late 1970s, as lawyers defended the disenfranchised and contributed to a nascent civil society. □

## Thailand suspends patent applications for medical marijuana

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Thailand's military government on Monday suspended the licensing of commercial marijuana-based products for medical use amid concern that foreign pharmaceutical companies might try to monopolize the market.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha's decree orders the director of the Department of Intellec-

tual Property to invalidate all patent applications for medical marijuana products, declaring that for the time being commercial products from marijuana or having the same molecular structure as the plant are not supported under intellectual property laws.

The decree says it will remain in effect until legislation on medical marijuana comes into force. Parliament last month legalized

the regulated use of medical marijuana but the legislation must be signed by King Maha Vajiralongkorn to become law. At that point, new applications are expected to be allowed that meet conditions specified under the law.

The order was issued under special powers the military government that seized power in 2014 gave itself to implement laws without approval from Parliament. □

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# Tornado hits Havana; Cuban president says 3 dead, 172 hurt

By **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**  
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Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — A tornado and pounding rains smashed into the eastern part of Cuba's capital overnight, toppling trees, bending power poles and flinging shards of metal roofing through the air as the storm cut a path of destruction across eastern Havana.

Power was cut to many areas and President Miguel Diaz-Canel said Monday at least three people were killed and 172 injured.

Julio Menendez, a 33-year-old restaurant worker, said his neighborhood in Havana's 10 de Octubre municipality looked "like a horror movie."

"From one moment to the next, we heard a noise like an airplane falling out of the sky. The first thing I did was go hug my daughters," who are 9 and 12, he told The Associated Press.

Driver Oster Rodriguez said that amid a fierce storm, what looked like a thick, swirling cloud touched down in the central plaza of the Reparto Modelo neighborhood "like a fireball." He saw a bus blown over, though he said the



A car overturned by a tornado lays smashed on top of a street pole in Havana, Cuba, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

driver escaped unharmed. Miguel Angel Hernandez of the Cuban Center for Meteorology said the tornado was a Category F3, with winds between 155 and 199 miles per hour, produced when a cold front hit Cuba's northern coast. Members of the Provincial Defense Council of Havana said 90 homes collapsed completely and 30

suffered partial collapse. More than 200,000 people lost water service, largely because of power cuts that left pumps out of service. Some 100 underground cisterns close to the coastal section of Havana were contaminated by seawater. Three electric substations were knocked out by the tornado, the strongest to hit

Cuba since Dec. 26, 1940, when a Category F4 tornado hit the town of Bejucal, in what is now Mayabeque province. The windows in the seven-story Daughters of Galicia Hospital in 10 de Octubre section were sucked out of their frames by the wind, leaving curtains flapping in the breeze, and all the patients, new and expectant

mothers, had to be evacuated. In the streets, a palm tree more than 30 feet (9 meters) tall had crushed a pre-revolutionary American car.

Some of the heaviest damage from Sunday night's rare Havana tornado was in the eastern borough of Guanabacoa, where the apparent twister tore the roof off a shelter for dozens of homeless families.

Cubans enduring long waits for government housing often live in such multi-family shelters for years.

María Esther Linares, 54, was killed while hunting for safe shelter after the tornado broke the roof of the home where she was living with two granddaughters, said her grandson, Yoelkis Dip.

Dianabys Bueno, 31, was living in the shelter with her husband and son after they were forced to relocate by the collapse of their home in Central Havana. Much of the housing in Havana is in dire condition due to years without maintenance, and building collapses are routine even in ordinary storms. "This has already happened to us once," Bueno said. "I'm not going anywhere." □

# Venezuela official: US in talks to improve frosty relations

By **SCOTT SMITH**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— The top U.S. envoy in Caracas has been meeting with officials of President Nicolas Maduro's government to try to ease heightened tensions, despite the two countries having cut ties, Venezuela's foreign minister said Monday.

In an appearance on state TV, Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza held up photos showing U.S. Charge d'Affaires James Story and a top Venezuelan government official as proof of the meetings.

"We are acting in good faith from Venezuela," Arreaza said. "We aspire to see the U.S. also cooperate in good faith."

The two countries broke relations last week after U.S. President Donald Trump recognized opposition



Venezuela's Minister of Foreign Affairs Jorge Arreaza speaks during the United Nations Security Council at the U.N. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

lawmaker Juan Guaido as Venezuela's legitimate leader, even as embattled socialist Maduro holds the reins of power.

In the ensuing standoff, U.S. officials have labeled Maduro a "dictator" and called

for him to step down, while Maduro has accused the White House of leading a coup to overthrow him and plunder Venezuela's vast oil and gold resources.

Maduro recalled Venezuelan diplomats from the U.S.

and ordered all U.S. Embassy staff out of the country, but later backtracked to try to open a dialogue over the issue.

Arreaza said the meetings between Story and Venezuelan government officials happened over four consecutive days last week, including on Wednesday, the day Guaido declared himself interim president, sparking violent clashes between demonstrators and the National Guard.

The communications are aimed at creating an open dialogue between the U.S. and Maduro's government, Arreaza said. The U.S. government didn't immediately confirm whether the meetings took place.

Opposition supporters have launched a campaign to lure soldiers, a critical base of Maduro's hold on power,

to back Guaido, handing out leaflets outlining a proposed law that would grant them amnesty for helping overthrow the president.

So far, it appears to have had little sway, but at least two Venezuelan government officials in the U.S. have abandoned Maduro. Venezuela's military attache in Washington, Col. Jose Luis Silva, said Saturday that he broke with Maduro.

Consular officer Scarlet Salazar at the Venezuelan Consulate in Miami issued a videotaped statement Monday, throwing her support behind Guaido. She said she's living up to her constitutional duty as a career diplomat.

"This is our country's moment," Salazar said, urging others to follow. "Let's support the Venezuelans." □



## LOCAL



## Island Insight

Aruba's way back in time of the Paleo lithic hunters and gatherers.



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### Episode III: Aruba's Paleo lithic hunters and gatherers A diverse habitats on a small island

Yes! There is a very interesting story concerning Aruba's coastal and inland Mangrove Forests and other ecosystems. As time passes by, slowly but steadily sea levels keep on the rise, when mega only lived on, in ancient stories that children love to hear. Now that big animals had disappeared completely from the hunting scene for the archaic other groups already started to exploit and developed a different life style.



Pic. 1 A total mangrove reforestation took place at this site since a sewage purification plant was installed at Parkietenbos.

Mangroves covered the leeward side of the island and the cay's opposite the lagoon almost completely from South-East to North-West by 2800 BC to 200 AD. These first primitive aborigines denominated as archaic settlers did not master ceramic art and did not practiced organized agricultural techniques. However they must have observed that new plants could be grown out of seeds. This raises the assumption that presumably this wave of Paleo globetrotters were that dispersed many seeds and plants wherever they believed they could ever return. The reason to import floral varieties not present at the time must have played also a vital role in their economy for some of these groups of hunters and gatherers. Soon they realized that the presence of these lush mangrove forests, were of utmost importance as a method of a sustainable livelihood, where food and many source were in abundance.

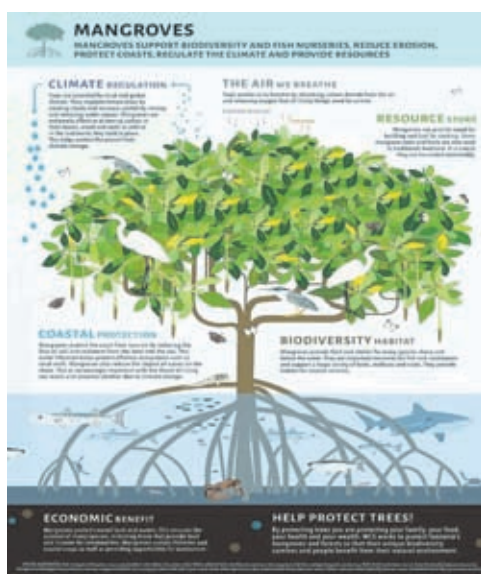


Plate 1. If we could only realize how important Mangroves still are today. It will change our attitude.

Harvesting all what these ecosystems could have offered to small groups of individuals who settled all along the coastal areas was a way of life for many generations. The balance rested in cultural dynamics versus total island population in a particular moment in time. Having such wildlife habitat on hand was a reason enough to extend and prolong permanence on the island. Mangrove eco systems provided fish, shell animals, and game all year long. Most of their tools used where made from stone -artifacts like mortar, metal and axes. They also applied cutting tools made out of shells or flint that where knapped to obtain a fine and sharp cutting edge.



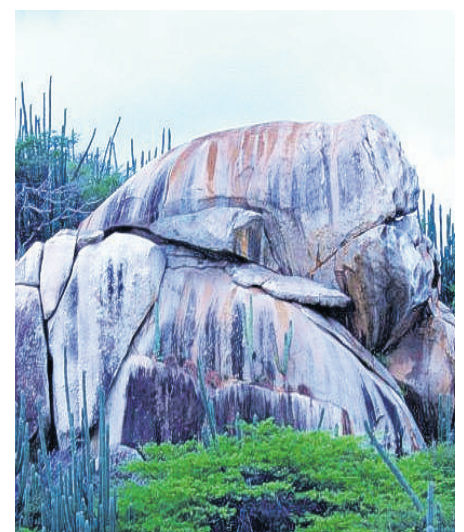
Pic. 2 remnant of what once was a tropical rain forest in Tanki Flip

Other food sources and their habitat such as savannas, open country, grasslands and hill sides. Here is where many different cactus figs could be picked. Caribbean cherries and berries, sea grapes, guava, annonas, sapodilla, quenepa and papaya were among the sweetest fruits to recollection close to dry river beds and in to more humid soils. Bromeliads, agaves, wild herbs, certain roots and grasses where part of paleo vegetal menu.

There were also places that could resemble tropical rain forests with blooming orchids, bromeliads, lichens and mosses. Many birds and different animals had made this zone their home and for the hunter a place to obtain medicine, tea, food and feather. There were also Kwihi or Aruban Mesquite forests, which were very cool in hot days and pitch dark at night. Chronicles of a Dutch-German expedition recollecting all kinds of stuff of the island in during an 1885 hike. Here they mention that they had walked for hours through a forest of big Kwihi trees. Only in very few can still find one of these native giant majestic trees ever stood have survived the deforestation which took place on this island since colonial times for all kinds of reasons, to give you an idea how green the island was in Paleo times from the coming of the Europeans until now.

But let's get back to the Paleolithic era where other zones of the island offered fair places to live. Places where it was relatively easy

to obtain what to hunt fish or pick and safe shelters like the North side caves and bocas, a word in Papiamentu meaning mouth for small inlets. Where small beaches had formed due to millions of years that rain water ran off. This carved out the coral coast in such a way that it gave access to the ocean. Huts or branch shelters were practically easy to build however for more permanent shelters; the many diorite boulders all over the island were the preferred places. These boulders where covered with vegetation and when agave flower stacks where placed in a row next to each other against these big stone blocks, a very comfortable dwelling could be build, habitats where archaeologist had found remnants of these old settlements and what they had uncovered is for the next and last episode of the Aruban Stone Age nomads also known as the Ciboney. Follow us next week. □



Pic. 3. Diorite rock boulder at Noka Sta. Cruz





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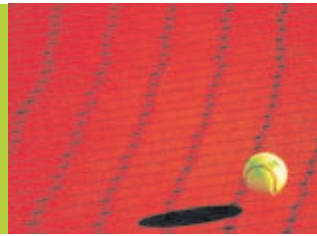
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# SPORTS



## NFL playoff 'do-over' lawsuit moved to federal court

By KEVIN MCGILL  
Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Six days before the Super Bowl, the court battle has begun in a longshot lawsuit seeking a possible do-over of the NFC game that ended with a Los Angeles Rams victory over the New Orleans Saints, a game affected by what the NFL concedes was a blown "no-call" by officials.

A Monday hearing in federal court did not result in an immediate ruling. It dealt largely with a jurisdictional question.

The two Saints season ticket holders who filed the lawsuit want it heard in state court in New Orleans. The NFL filed to have it heard in federal court, where U.S. District Judge Susie Morgan heard initial arguments at midday. She was expected to meet with attorneys on both sides again in the evening and it was unclear when the jurisdictional issue, or the case itself, would be resolved.

Officials failed to call interference or roughness penalties when a Rams player leveled a Saints receiver with a helmet-to-helmet hit at a crucial point in the in the final minutes of regulation time. The Rams won the Jan. 20 game in overtime and are set to play the New England Patriots in Sunday's Super Bowl.

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## George scores 36, leads Thunder past Bucks

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George, right, dunks over Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, left, in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019.

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Japan's Naomi Osaka poses with her trophy the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup at Melbourne's Brighton Beach following her win over Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic in the women's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019.

Associated Press

## Australian Open champ Osaka is Asia's 1st No. 1 in tennis

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**

— Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka is the first player from Asia to top the men's or women's tennis rankings — and the youngest woman to make her debut at No. 1 in nine years.

"I feel like I'm literally just still learning," the 21-year-old Osaka said. "Everyone kind of adjusts to being No. 1 in a different way."

Simona Halep's 48-week stay atop the WTA rankings ended Monday as she slid to No. 3 after a fourth-round loss to Serena Williams, one year after getting to the final at Melbourne Park.

"The main goal is just to play as good as I can every match, to win every match I play, so the ranking doesn't really matter," Halep said.

Halep said the year-end ranking is what is "more important" than where things stand now, "so I will not stress myself about this."

Osaka's second consecutive major title, following her success at the U.S. Open last year, helped her rise three spots.

She was born in Japan — her mother is Japanese, her father is Haitian — and moved to the United States when she was 3. She has dual citizenship and now is based in Florida.

Osaka is the youngest woman to reach the top

since 2010, when Caroline Wozniacki did it at 20.

"People were talking about (me) being No. 1 if I win this tournament. I was able to accomplish that," Osaka said. "But the ranking was never my real goal. It was just to win this tournament."

The runner-up at Melbourne Park, Petra Kvitova, jumped from No. 6 to No. 2. Sloane Stephens is No. 4, and Karolina Pliskova went from No. 8 to No. 5.

Williams missed the 2018 tournament after having a baby; her quarterfinal run this time pushed her up five places to No. 11.

Surprise semifinalist Danielle Collins, a 25-year-old from Florida, climbed from No. 35 to No. 23. The woman she upset in the fourth round, three-time major champion Angelique Kerber, dropped from No. 2 to No. 6.

Novak Djokovic's record seventh Australian Open title allowed him to stay at No. 1 in the ATP rankings, and Rafael Nadal's runner-up showing kept him at No. 2.

But 2017-18 champion Roger Federer's fourth-round exit took him from No. 3 down to No. 6.

The player who beat Federer, 20-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece, turned his first run to a Grand Slam semifinal into a career-best ranking of No. 12. □



Serbia's Novak Djokovic poses with his trophy, the Norman Brookes Challenge Cup, at Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens following his win over Rafael Nadal of Spain in the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

## 'Why not?' Djokovic, coach eye Nadal, Federer totals

**By HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**

— Novak Djokovic sounds like a man ready to embrace the chase.

Already at 15 Grand Slam titles, Djokovic is now only two majors behind Rafael Nadal's total of 17, and five shy of Roger Federer's men's record of 20.

So a day after winning the Australian Open for his third Slam trophy in a row, Djokovic was asked about whether he is pursuing them.

It's the sort of thing some athletes — including Nadal, repeatedly, over the years — downplay or try to deflect entirely. Not Djokovic. He's owning this.

"Well, if I'm still playing and winning Slams, I think it's logical to conclude that I am," he said at a photo shoot Monday. "I'm blessed to be able to win 15. I know there are two guys ahead of me now, in the history of the most Slams won, but I still have time. I'm not rushing."

That's his team's theme. Late Sunday night at Melbourne Park, Djokovic's coach, Marian Vajda, couldn't stop smiling as he dissected the unbelievably lopsided 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory

over Nadal in the final — and its larger significance.

Yes, Vajda said, a record seventh championship in Australia means a lot. But he was interested in discussing a different tally.

"More important is the other number that he's getting up to, 15. It's an incredible, incredible number. I don't want to go too far, but he's in a very good position now for going for a little bit more," Vajda said. "But 20 is still far away. A lot of things can happen. At the moment, Novak feels really good about reaching, maybe, another Grand Slam victory."

Just one more?

"Yes, one more," Vajda said with a hearty laugh, his voice rising as he fiddled with his tournament accreditation pass. "And then one more. And then one more. One by one."

Absolutely, his long-term goal is to reach Rafa's number and, if it's possible — and his age allows it — Roger's. Why not?"

A year removed from surgery to his right elbow, Djokovic is pain-free, ranked No. 1 and, perhaps, better than ever.

The near-perfection with which he won his last two

matches — a combined 58 winners and 14 unforced errors in his semifinal and final — was something Djokovic termed "pleasantly surprising" and Nadal considered "the highest level possible." Against Nadal, who hadn't dropped a set in the tournament or a service game since the first round, Djokovic managed five breaks. He also won 25 of the first 26 points he served.

"During the whole match, Novak was very disciplined," was Vajda's assessment. "He had so many ups. He didn't have any downs." And so it is that everything seems in play at the moment for Djokovic.

Four major titles in a row, something he already accomplished from 2015-16: Why not?

A calendar-year Grand Slam, something no man has done since Rod Laver in 1969: Why not?

Catching up to, and eventually surpassing, Nadal and Federer: Why not?

When Djokovic's childhood idol, Pete Sampras, won the 2002 U.S. Open by beating his greatest rival, Andre Agassi, in the final, it raised his Grand Slam count to 14. At that point, no other man in the sport's history had more than 12. □



# George powers Thunder past Bucks for 5th straight win

By The Associated Press

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Paul George had 36 points and 13 rebounds, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Milwaukee Bucks 118-112 on Sunday for their fifth straight victory.

Russell Westbrook had 13 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists for his 16th triple-double of the season and No. 120 for his career. Jerami Grant added 16 points, helping the Thunder knock off the team with the NBA's best record.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 27 points and 18 rebounds for Milwaukee, and Khris Middleton added 22 points.

Eric Bledsoe hit a 3-pointer with just over a minute left to cut Oklahoma City's lead to three, but George drained a 3-pointer in Malcolm Brogdon's face as the shot clock wound down to push the margin back up to six.

## ROCKETS 103, MAGIC 98

**HOUSTON (AP)** — James Harden scored 40 points, and Houston rallied for the win in Chris Paul's return from a hamstring injury.

Houston trailed by as many as 16. The game was tied with about 75 seconds left when a 3-pointer by Harden put the Rockets up 98-95. Terrence Ross missed a 3 on the other end and Harden added a step-back jumper with 30 seconds left. Harden got his third block when he swatted away a shot by Evan Fournier, and Paul added two free throws with 13.6 seconds remaining to secure Houston's third straight victory. Paul had 12 points and six assists after missing the previous 17 games with a strained left hamstring.

Aaron Gordon had 23 points for the Magic, who have dropped six of seven.

## RAPTORS 123, MAVERICKS 120

**DALLAS (AP)** — Kawhi Leonard scored 33 points to help Toronto overcome a triple-double from Dallas rookie Luka Dončić.

Pascal Siakam's three-point play snapped a 108-108 tie with 3:56 remaining as the Raptors recovered from a seven-point deficit early in



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George (13) shoots over Milwaukee Bucks forward Khris Middleton (22) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019.

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the fourth quarter.

Dončić, who turns 20 on Feb. 28, had 35 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists to become the first teenager in NBA history with two triple-doubles.

Kyle Lowry scored 19 points for Toronto and Siakam had 14.

## JAZZ 125, TIMBERWOLVES 111

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Donovan Mitchell had 29 points for surging Utah, and Ricky Rubio added 18 points and eight assists.

After going 2 of 12 in the first half, Mitchell scored 13 points in the third quarter to help hold off a Minnesota rally and give the Jazz their ninth win in 10 games. Utah shot 71 percent (27 of 38) during the second half for its second victory in three nights over the Timberwolves.

Andrew Wiggins led Minnesota with 35 points, and Karl-Anthony Towns added 22. Jerryd Bayless had a season-high 19.

Rudy Gobert had 17 points for Utah.

## SPURS 132, WIZARDS 119

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points, nine rebounds and six assists, powering San Antonio to the victory.

The Spurs were without

leading scorer DeMar DeRozan, but had seven players in double figures. Reserve Davis Bertans had a season-high 21 points after missing the previous two games due to personal reasons. Derrick White and Bryn Forbes added 16 points each.

Washington, which had won five of seven, lost its 19th straight in San Antonio. Bradley Beal and Tomas Satoransky each scored 21 points.

## CLIPPERS 122, KINGS 108

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Montrezl Harrell scored 25 points, and the Clippers earned their third consecutive win.

Tobias Harris added 18 points for Los Angeles, which was coming off a 3-1 road trip. Lou Williams had 12 points and 10 assists.

The Clippers had 35 assists on 42 field goals.

De'Aaron Fox led Sacramento with 21 points. Bog-

dan Bogdanovic added 19 points, and Willie Cauley-Stein had 12 rebounds.

## HEAT 106, KNICKS 97

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wayne Ellington scored each of his 19 points in the second half, and the Heat handed the Knicks their ninth straight loss.

Miami had seven players score in double figures in its second straight win. Dwyane Wade had 15 points and 10 assists, and Hassan Whiteside finished with 13 points and 16 rebounds.

Wade, who plans to retire at the end of the season, received a standing ovation from the Madison Square Garden crowd when he was taken out in the final seconds.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 22 points for New York, and Trey Burke had 16.

Former Knicks star Carmelo Anthony watched from a courtside seat and waved to the cheering crowd

when he was acknowledged on the scoreboard in the first quarter.

## CAVALIERS 104, BULLS 101

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jordan Clarkson and Alec Burks each scored 18 points, and the Cavaliers ended a six-game losing streak.

NBA-worst Cleveland (10-41) had dropped 18 of 19. Cedi Osman scored 17 points, and Matthew Dellavedova finished with 16.

Lauri Markkanen led Chicago with 21 points and 15 rebounds, and Zach LaVine had 17 points and 12 rebounds. The Bulls (11-39) have lost three straight and 13 of 14.

Rodney Hood had a follow basket with 17 seconds left to put Cleveland up 102-101. After a Chicago miss, Dellavedova hit a pair of free throws. LaVine missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

## LAKERS 116, SUNS 102

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Ivica Zubac and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope each scored 24 points and the short-handed Lakers led throughout in a victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Brandon Ingram added 22 points as Los Angeles was missing Kyle Kuzma (hip) and Tyson Chandler (rest), along with LeBron James and Lonzo Ball. Still, the Lakers dominated the inside against a small Phoenix lineup as it had a 70-46 advantage in points in the paint.

Devin Booker scored 21 points, Kelly Oubre Jr. added 17 and Mikal Bridges 16 for Phoenix, which has dropped eight straight for its second-longest losing streak of the season. The Suns dropped 10 in a row from Nov. 25 to Dec. 11.

Phoenix's Deandre Ayton missed his fifth straight game with a sprained left ankle. □





# Agent: Anthony Davis tells New Orleans that he wants a trade

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

Anthony Davis wants out of New Orleans.

And the NBA might soon see a blockbuster trade to come together.

The five-time All-Star has told the Pelicans that he wants to be traded to a championship-contending team and will not sign an extension with New Orleans, agent Rich Paul told The Associated Press on Monday.

ESPN first reported Davis' demand to be traded to a contender. It is a move that will resonate around the league, one that will have most — if not all — teams trying to see how they can put together a package good enough for the Pelicans to send Davis their way.

Davis is having the best season of his career, averaging 29.3 points and 13.3 rebounds per game. He'll almost certainly become a six-time All-Star later this week when the NBA announces the full rosters for this year's game that will be played Feb. 17 in Charlotte. Now it's unclear if Davis will be there as a member of the Pelicans or not. The trade deadline is Feb. 7.

Davis was at the Pelicans' training headquarters Monday, wearing team gear, working out and getting treatment on the sprained left index finger that has sidelined him four games. He declined through a team spokesman to speak with reporters, but coach Alvin Gentry said after practice that the team understands that Davis' deci-



New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis, left, gets fouled by Los Angeles Clippers' Tyrone Wallace during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Pelicans won 121-117.

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sion is "part of the business." "He plans on playing out the season," Gentry said. "A.D. is a professional guy and he's going to play as hard as he can once he gets well and we're going to do the best we can to try put our team in position to win games."

"We're going to do everything we can to do what's best for the franchise."

Gentry declined say whether Davis might be traded this season or later. There was no immediate comment from general manager Dell Demps, ownership or anyone else in the front office.

Guard Jrue Holiday said Davis has been "like a brother" to him and is "90 percent" of the reason he decided two summers ago to sign a five-year, \$126 million contract to remain in New Orleans.

"It's the business basketball," Holiday said, recalling his own trade from Philadelphia to New Orleans in 2013. Holiday said "it felt like everything was close" in Philadelphia, "and all of a sudden, everybody's gone. ... I feel like you kind of have to be able to roll with the punches, be able to adapt and from there play as hard as you can." Holiday said attracting

players to a relatively small market like New Orleans when a player of Davis' caliber wants out "can definitely be hard ... but I feel like people know our style, the way we play and if they want to be a part of that then they'll come."

The Pelicans next play Tuesday at Houston.

In Indianapolis, where Golden State was playing the Pacers on Monday night, the Warriors' Kevin Durant supported Davis' trade demand.

"It's not like the president is shutting down the government. It's just basketball," Durant said. "As players, we want guys to do exactly what they want to do in this league. They have a short amount of time. So why not do what you want?"

Davis' future has long been in question. He's an elite superstar on a team that hasn't gotten past the second round of the playoffs since he's been in New Orleans — and in four of his first six full seasons, the Pelicans didn't qualify for the postseason at all. They entered Monday 13th in the Western Conference standings, six games out of the final playoff spot with 32 games remaining.

His telling New Orleans that he wants out is the latest

power move by a star player who wants to get traded, following a path now similar to what Kawhi Leonard did when he wanted to be traded by San Antonio and what Paul George did when he decided it was time to move on from Indiana. Telling the Pelicans that he won't re-sign with them provides a blunt message: Move me, or lose me for nothing.

But New Orleans, which controls Davis' contract through the 2019-20 season, had been steadfast for months, saying it had said they had no desire to move their best player, who is in line to sign a \$240 million, five-year extension in 2020. Trade chatter has ramped up this season, especially after Los Angeles Lakers All-Star LeBron James — who is represented by Paul, just as Davis is — included the New Orleans star on a list of players that he would love to play with. James' comments were construed in some circles as campaigning for Davis.

Boston would almost certainly be a place that makes sense; the Celtics are a contender and have more than enough assets to make a good deal for New Orleans. But the Celtics cannot trade for Davis

under NBA rules until July 1, unless they also trade away Kyrie Irving — which likely won't happen. Irving is a factor because of what's known as the Rose Rule, the one that says NBA teams cannot trade for more than one player who has signed an extension.

The Celtics could sign Irving in July and then trade for Davis. But until then, unless they move Irving, Davis won't be in Boston.

That would point to the Lakers as another possible destination for a trade. The Lakers, right now, aren't necessarily a contender. But they have James, which probably means they're attractive to Davis as well. James shrugged off the notion he did anything illicit, saying it's just common sense that he would like to play with elite players like Davis.

"Come on, guys," James told reporters last month. "It's not rocket science."

A year ago at this time, the Pelicans had perhaps the most dominant frontcourt in the NBA with Davis lining up with DeMarcus Cousins. Then Cousins tore his Achilles, and wound up signing this past summer with Golden State. The Pelicans responded by opening the season with a surprisingly lopsided victory at Houston and started 4-0 before a series of injuries appeared to undermine them.

"When we've had our team together that we thought we were going to have, we're 7-3 — and that tells you that we've only had our team together for 10 games," Gentry asserted. "From there, you can speculate whatever you like to. ... We were excited about the team we started the season with."

It has been an interesting few days for New Orleans sports fans. Saints fans are still reeling from a non-call for pass interference last week that played a major role in their team losing the NFC championship game to the Los Angeles Rams and being denied a Super Bowl berth.

And now, the news only gets worse with Davis declaring he wants out. □







In this Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 file photo, New Orleans Saints wide receiver Tommylee Lewis (11) works for a catch against Los Angeles Rams defensive back Nickell Robey-Coleman (23) during the second half the NFL football NFC championship game, in New Orleans.

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#### DO-OVER

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The lawsuit by two Saints season ticket holders, Tommy Badeaux and Candis Lambert, says NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell should implement a league rule — Rule 17 — governing "extraordinarily unfair acts." Remedies include reversal of a game's result or the re-scheduling of a game — in its entirety or from the point when the act occurred.

NFL lawyers say the lawsuit belongs in federal court for reasons including the possible scope.

They argued that the suit takes the form of a class action that could mean millions of dollars in damages for Saints ticket holders and others in what the suit calls "the Who Dat Nation," a reference to Saints fans and a popular team cheer.

Attorney Frank D'Amico, who filed the lawsuit two days after the championship game, said that, while the lawsuit recounts damages suffered by Saints fans, it doesn't specifically ask for monetary compensation. Instead, D'Amico said, it seeks a court order, under state law, forcing Goodell to investigate the blown call under the never before invoked Rule 17.

D'Amico also insisted that he wasn't specifically asking for a court-ordered do-over or reversal of the game, although that could be the result if the rule is invoked.

"We're not trying to keep the Super Bowl from going forward," he said.

That appeared to surprise Gladstone Jones, a New Orleans attorney arguing for the NFL, who said it would be "big news" that D'Amico's clients aren't trying to stop or delay the big game.

As to D'Amico's call for an investigation, Jones said there is no need. League officials, he said, have clearly reviewed the calls. "They have done their due diligence."

His arguments tracked positions taken in weekend briefs filed by NFL lawyers.

"The NFL parties do not dispute that they have previously advised the Saints, including the club's head coach, that one or more penalties — for pass interference or illegal helmet-to-helmet contact — were mistakenly not called late in the NFC Championship Game, and that the NFL would like its officials on the field to make these calls," an NFL filing says.

But it also says Goodell, a defendant in the lawsuit along with the league itself, does not have the authority to overrule a referee on the field. Even if the rule did apply, the NFL attorneys argue, a decision on a remedy is up to the commissioner, not a ticket-holder. Morgan had to step away from a jury trial in an unrelated case to preside over Monday's hearing. Records show she got the case after it was initially assigned to U.S. District Judge Barry Ashe — who removed himself from the case because he has Saints season tickets. □



Justin Rose, of England, holds the trophy after winning the Farmers Insurance golf tournament Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, in San Diego.

Associated Press

## Top-ranked Justin Rose wins Farmers Insurance Open

By DOUG FERGUSON

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Justin

Rose missed a short birdie putt that felt like another bogey. His three-shot lead was down to one through six holes of the Farmers Insurance Open, and the biggest battle was trying not to panic.

That's when he scratched a line on his scorecard after six holes, wanting to start his round from that moment forward.

And he gave himself a pep talk.

"You're No. 1 for a reason. Just start playing like it, please," he said.

And he did.

Rose followed with a perfect wedge to a right pin that led to birdie, the first of five birdies the rest of the way for a 3-under 69 and a two-shot victory Sunday over Adam Scott at Torrey Pines. It was his 10th straight year with a victory worldwide, including his gold medal from the 2016 Olympics, and his 10th career PGA Tour victory gave him the most of any player from England, breaking a tie with Nick Faldo.

Rose finished at 21-under 267, the lowest 72-hole score at this event in 20 years, and the warm, windless weather had a role in that.

"Twenty-one under around Torrey Pines is great golf," Rose said. "But you had to do it. It felt like I had to work hard for his."

Scott left him little choice. After not making a birdie until the ninth hole — and missing a 20-inch par putt on No. 5 — Scott closed with four straight birdies and kept the outcome in doubt until Rose hit wedge to 3 feet on the 18th hole for his last birdie.

"I just didn't have the game on the front nine, and it's a shame because Justin was a little shaky early with some bogeys," Scott said. "By the time I got it sorted out, it was a bit too late."

Rose became the first winner to post all four rounds in the 60s since Peter Jacobsen in 1995, back when the North and South courses were 700 yards shorter. Weather aside, this was an exquisite performance, especially with his three penalty shots on Saturday, and opening the final round with three bogeys in five holes.

Hideki Matsuyama closed with a 67 and tied for third with Talor Gooch, who shot 68 to match Rose with four rounds in the 60s. Gooch, who finished fourth last week in the Desert Classic to get into this event,

earned a spot in next week's Phoenix Open. He is playing this year on conditional status.

Jon Rahm was never a factor after pulling within one shot with that birdie on No. 6, which turned out to be the only one he made all round. He shot 72 and tied for fifth with Rory McIlroy (69) and defending champion Jason Day (67).

Tiger Woods had to settle for his own version of winning. Starting the final round 13 shots behind, Woods wanted to get into double figures. He birdied his last two holes for a 31 on the front nine to shoot 67 and finish at 10-under 278. He tied for 20th in his 2019 debut.

"Got to have these little goals when I'm not in contention to win a tournament," Woods said. "Still something positive to end the week on."

The timing was ideal for Rose, who takes pride in winning every year. The last time he won in January was in South Africa in 2002, the first of his 22 victories worldwide. But it goes beyond that.

Rose dedicated the victory to his caddie, Mark Fulcher, who had a heart procedure last week and was watching from home. □



# Easy as 1, 2, 3: Hat tricks on the rise this season

By **PAT GRAHAM**

**DENVER (AP)** — In keeping with hockey tradition, a tip of the cap to honor Alex Ovechkin and Patrik Laine. They've each recorded a hat trick of hat tricks this season.

Easy as one, two, three. Or so it may seem.

Around the league, there have been 61 hat tricks through the first 770 games of the season — the most since 1995-96 (62), according to research by the NHL stats and information department. Leading the surge are Ovechkin of Washington and Laine of Winnipeg with three each. Hold on to your hat, there's more: There has been at least one three-goal scorer in 10 of the 13 days leading into the All-Star break.

"I think the reason why," Avalanche forward Mikko Rantanen succinctly surmised, "is because scoring around the league is up." Simple, yes. But on target, too.

There have been 132 instances of a team scoring six or more goals in a game so far, which is the most since 2005-06. Teams are averaging 3.03 goals per game, which is on pace for the highest-scoring season since the 3.14 in, you guessed it, 1995-96. There has been an 18 percent increase in scoring since the

post-expansion low of 2.57 goals per game for teams in 2003-04, before a lockout led to rule changes.

Naturally, hat tricks figure to go hand-in-hand with the escalation.

"It's exciting and not something everyone has done," said Nashville forward Austin Watson, who had his first NHL hat trick on Nov. 25 against Anaheim. "It's a cool achievement."

Long associated with cricket and soccer, the term hat trick appears to have made its way into the mainstream hockey vernacular when a Toronto businessman offered a hat to any player who scored three goals during an NHL game while visiting his town. As the legend goes, Chicago forward Alex Kaleta went into the shop in 1946 and found a fedora he fancied, according to an NHL.com story. Only, he didn't have the funds to purchase it. The business owner offered to give it to Kaleta free of charge should he score three goals against the Maple Leafs.

Kaleta had four. Presto, a hat trick.

These days, hat tricks come in a variety of forms. There's the natural one (three straight goals by a player), traditional (any three goals, sometimes culminating with a late empty-netter)



In this Jan. 22, 2019, file photo, Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin skates past the San Jose Sharks bench as he celebrates his goal for a hat trick in the third period of an NHL hockey game in Washington.

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and of course the "Gordie Howe" (a goal, assist and a fight).

The achievement of a hat trick has long been celebrated with fans tossing their hats on the ice. Ever wonder where all those hats go? The Avs, for one, donate the caps to the Denver Rescue Mission. The fastest NHL hat trick took just 21 seconds by Chicago's Bill Mosienko (1952). The most in a career? Wayne Gretzky, who had 50. Ovechkin has the most of any active player with 23.

They're far from common — this year's total of 61 so far is just 8 percent of all games. The Great One needed 1,487 games to get his 50. All the increased scoring means the feat may someday lose a bit of its luster. But not yet.

"It's a pretty hard thing to

do," said Minnesota forward Jason Zucker, who had a hat trick on Nov. 9, 2017. "Scoring any goal in this league is a hard thing to do. To do three in one game is pretty incredible." Ovechkin had two in a four-day window this season, while Laine had a pair over a six-day span, including a five-goal game on Nov. 24. Avalanche captain Gabriel Landeskog gave his first hat trick on Nov. 11, 2017, against Washington the royal treatment. He has the puck in a case with the game sheet and a picture. He said he doesn't have his puck from the second one, which happened a month later.

"I don't think guys are going out there trying to score hat tricks," the All-Star Landeskog said. "Guys are going out there trying to help the team win."

As for why there are so many hat tricks this season, Zucker has a simple deduction.

"It's the speed. It's the skill. It's the sticks, the way guys shoot pucks now," Zucker explained. "Guys don't even have to try to shoot pucks — the sticks do a lot of the work for us."

No need to convince Minnesota's All-Star goaltender Devan Dubnyk of that.

"Teams are discovering ways to create chances and figure how pucks actually go in the net and not just thinking if you throw 50 pucks at the net that you're going to score a bunch of goals," Dubnyk said. "It's understanding how to create offense. You can see it throughout the league this year. There's a lot of offensive creativity and it's making it tough for defenses and tough for goalies."

## Longtime San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan dies

By **JOSH DUBOW**

**AP Sports Writer**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Peter Magowan, the lifelong Giants fan who formed the ownership group that kept the team in San Francisco with a sparkling waterfront ballpark, died Sunday after a battle with cancer. He was 76.

Magowan was a fan ever since going to games at the Polo Grounds in New York and then played a critical role in the team's

success over the last quarter-century.

"During a tenuous period for the franchise, Peter stepped up and led the group that purchased the Giants and kept them in San Francisco," commissioner Rob Manfred said. "With groundbreaking vision, he then guided the effort that resulted in a ballpark that became a landmark for the city. In his 16 seasons of leadership, Peter oversaw a winning,

civic-minded ballclub that represented the spirit of San Francisco. The foundation created under his direction helped make the Giants the model club they remain today."

Magowan helped form the ownership group that bought the franchise for \$100 million from Bob Lurie in December 1992 to keep the team from moving to Tampa Bay. One of his first moves was signing Barry Bonds to a six-year, \$43.5

million free agent deal even before he formally completed the purchase of the team.

With the game's greatest slugger in place, the Giants went on to have great success and Magowan put together a plan to build a privately funded ballpark on the water in downtown San Francisco. That park, the first in years built without direct public funding, opened in 2000 and became one of the jewels of

the game.

Magowan stepped down following the 2008 season but had put in place the management team that helped bring San Francisco its first World Series title in 2010, followed by championships in 2012 and '14.

The Giants made the playoffs four times in Magowan's 16-year tenure running the Giants, including a trip to the World Series in 2002 before losing in seven games to the Angels. □



# AFC wins 3rd straight Pro Bowl, 26-7 over NFC in Orlando

By MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — The Pro Bowl has long been considered a laughable representation of the NFL game.

It reached a new level of comedy Sunday as several players swapped positions during the annual all-star game.

Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey caught a touchdown pass in the final minute, capping a dominant performance for the AFC defense in a 26-7 victory over the NFC in steady rain. It was the third consecutive victory for the AFC, all of them at Camping World Stadium.

The last two were played in sloppy weather, with the latest one also coming amid temperatures in the mid-50s. It was far from ideal conditions, raising speculation about the game's future in Orlando, but fairly fitting considering the effort players provided. It was two-hand touch most of the day, with officials blowing plays dead at the slightest hint of contact.

"Who cares, man?" New York Jets safety Jamal Adams said. "At the end of the day, we're like little kids out there just playing in the mud, playing in the rain."

Regardless of the elements, the AFC made the plays the NFC didn't.

Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes completed an 18-yard touchdown pass to Indianapolis' Eric Ebron on the opening possession, helping Mahomes earn the offensive Most Valuable Player award. Mahomes pleaded with voters to give it to Chiefs fullback Anthony Sherman, who caught three passes for 92 yards and ran for a score.

"Sherman had my vote. Sherman had my vote," said Mahomes, who completed 7 of 14 passes for 156 yards. "I thought I told everybody on the camera. He made some plays out there."

For a fullback, we have one of the best in the league so I'm always happy to try to get him a little vote like that."

Adams, who made headlines for sacking the New England Patriots mascot during a Pro Bowl skills competition, was named the defensive MVP thanks to an interception and a sack.

"It's a great achievement, but the main thing was to come out here and get the victory," Adams said. "That was the main thing, just to get the money, man. That's what we wanted."

Mahomes and Adams each got a luxury vehicle. AFC players will get \$67,000 each for the victory, \$8,000 more than the guys who

conference allowed the NFC 148 total yards and 10 first downs while intercepting three passes and notching seven sacks.

Ramsey got in on offense late, catching a 6-yard slant pass from Houston's Deshaun Watson with 19 seconds remaining. Los Angeles Chargers rookie safety Derwin James failed to haul in the 2-point conversion.

"Man, me and Deshaun, that's my brother from another mother," Ramsey said. "We've been plotting and scheming all week,

Mike Evans and New Orleans' Alvin Kamara all got in on defense for the NFC. Evans notched an interception.

The AFC led 20-0 early in the fourth quarter, looking like it might record the first shut-out in Pro Bowl history. But Dallas' Dak Prescott found Atlanta's Austin Hooper for a 20-yard score on fourth down with 9:09 remaining. The NFC had plenty of chances before that. The conference failed to score on a fourth-and-goal run early. Chicago's Mitchell Trubisky, Minnesota re-

ceiver Adam Thielen and Prescott threw interceptions.

Trubisky was sacked by Adams on a flea flicker, and Dallas' Amari Cooper had a wide-open touchdown pass bounce off his face mask.

Seattle's Russell Wilson also was sacked four times.

## MASCOT MADNESS

Adams' hit on the Pats mascot went viral, leading to false reports about the guy being hospitalized. □



AFC quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15), of the Kansas City Chiefs, throws a pass against the NFC during the first half of the NFL Pro Bowl football game Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, in Orlando, Fla.

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lose the Super Bowl next week in Atlanta. The Pro Bowl losers will get \$39,000 each.

The AFC defenders earned their share of the pot. The

manifesting, and it just came about."

New York Giants running back Saquon Barkley, Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott, Tampa Bay receiver



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# Watching TV is free and easy with under-the-radar Locast

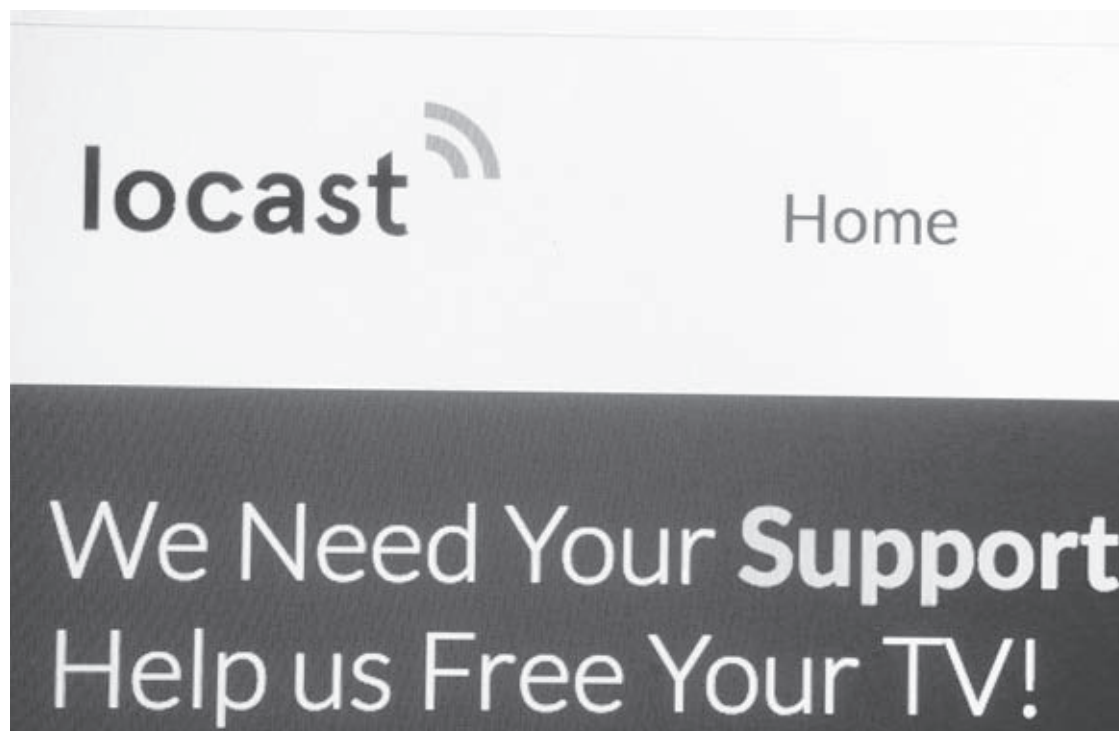
By TALI ARBEL

**NEW YORK (AP)** — You canceled cable long ago. Your TV antenna has trash reception for ABC. But you want to host an Oscars viewing party. What to do? A newish, under-the-radar option is Locast. It's like an app version of a \$50 antenna you can get from Best Buy, and it's free and easy to use.

For someone like me, weaned on Netflix, Locast is too simplistic to be a major part of my TV addiction. It's a stopgap, excellent the few times a year when I want to watch what everyone else is watching, at the same time they watch it.

But it's useful for those who regularly watch TV live — sports lovers, devotees of morning shows like "Today," "Bachelor" fans who live-tweet each episode.

You don't have to pay for it, as you do with cable, and it's available on more gad-



The Locast website is displayed on a computer screen, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 in New York.

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gets than you'd get with just a TV antenna. For those who don't have a TV, it's one of the easiest ways to watch over-the-air stations for free.

## HOW IT WORKS

Locast makes local stations available for free, in real time, online. You can watch on its website, locast.org, or on apps for iPhones and

Android phones. A Roku app or sharing from your phone with Chromecast or Apple's AirPlay lets you stream to the TV.

In New York, I get stations for ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, CW, PBS, Univision, Telemundo, Ion and a handful of others. Cable channels like ESPN, MTV, Bravo and Fox News are not available free on the public airwaves. You generally have to pay for them.

You can start watching as soon as you let Locast know your location and sign in with your email or Facebook account. A basic TV guide tells you what's on now and the next six days. Audio and video quality is good. I haven't had issues with buffering or shows not loading.

## THE LANDSCAPE

The internet's abundance of video — hi, YouTube; hi, Netflix — has pushed millions to cancel cable TV and diminished the appeal of live television.

Some people (the young) barely watch, except for special circumstances like the Super Bowl or the Oscars. But many are still dedicated to "The Late Show" each evening and as much NFL football as they can get.

Locast fits into a crowded field of devices and services aiming to replace or complement cable. There are cable-like stream-

ing services like YouTube TV, DirecTV Now or PlayStation Vue, which offer packages of TV channels, typically for \$40 or \$45 a month. Hulu and apps from the likes of ABC and NBC post episodes online in the days after they air. Netflix and Amazon Prime have whole seasons months after they're on TV.

You can also buy a TV antenna and hope for good (free!) reception of local stations.

## BUT WAIT ...

You need to live in one of the seven markets where Locast has set up antennas — Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, New York and Philadelphia. Locast will announce two more cities Thursday. Further expansion depends on whether Locast can raise more money.

I've gotten used to watching shows at my leisure, and Locast doesn't fit in with that. There's no digital video recorder, or DVR, to let you watch shows later. There's no skipping commercials, no binge-watching, no customization, no recommendations of shows I'll like.

For sports fans, there's a lot missing. You can get baseball, football and other games from over-the-air channels, but no "Monday Night Football" (on ESPN) or the cable channels that televise hometown-team games. For the March Madness college basketball tournament, you'd just get the games on CBS, not TNT, TBS or truTV.

## ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN

A few years ago, a startup called Aereo tried to offer local broadcast stations over the internet. Broadcasters sued and won, forcing Aereo to shut down in 2014.

Locast has been around for about a year already and may have found a legitimate loophole because it's a nonprofit, as federal law says nonprofits can retransmit broadcasters' signals without violating their rights. The National Association of Broadcasters, which represents TV and radio stations, declined to comment. □

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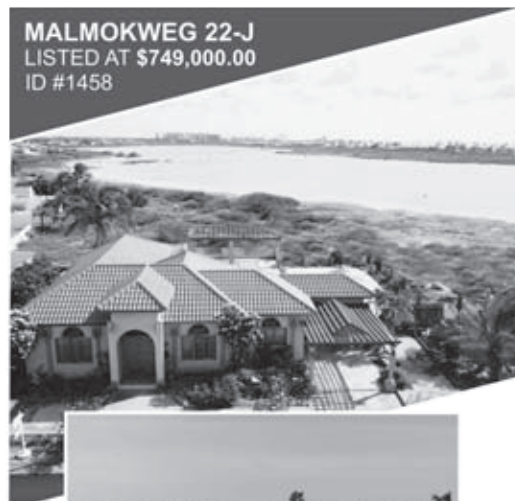


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## More parents are putting limits on college help

By LIZ WESTON  
Associated Press

Tyler Luker of Plano, Texas, is a high school junior who already knows which college he wants to attend (University of Missouri), how much it costs (\$43,300 for out-of-state residents) and how much he can expect his single mother to contribute: nothing.

"That's protecting my retirement," says certified financial planner Sharon Luker, 64. "I don't want to work when I'm 70."

While most parents plan to help with at least some college expenses, more are coming around to Sharon Luker's point of view that they shouldn't sacrifice their own financial well-being to do so, a survey by student lender Sallie Mae found.

"As a parent, you want to do what's best for your kids," says Sallie Mae spokesman Rick Castellano. But "parents do want their students to have some skin in the game."

The 2018 survey of 2,003 parents with children under 18, conducted by pollster Ipsos, found:

— More parents say their kids should help pay for their own educations, with 59 percent saying college costs should be a shared responsibility compared to 51 percent in 2016. The proportion saying the burden should be entirely the parents' dropped to 26 percent from 30 percent.

— Sixty-nine percent



This April 2017 file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

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vowed not to touch their retirement funds for college costs, up from 60 percent in 2016. An improved economy seems to have convinced more parents that they'll be able to pay for college out of their income and savings, rather than tapping retirement, Castellano says.

— Still, more parents were saving for college (56 percent) than their own retirements (54 percent). Ideally, people would be on track with retirement sav-

ings before saving for their children's educations.

As college costs continue to spiral, parents tempted to spend excessively to educate their kids need to think twice. Here's why: **STINTING RETIREMENT SAVINGS IS COSTLY.** You can't get back lost company matches, tax breaks and all-important compounded returns if you don't contribute.

**YOU CAN OVERDOSE ON DEBT.** Federal PLUS loans, which can help parents pay

for college, don't require thorough credit checks or proof that you can repay, which means it's easy to borrow more than you can afford to pay back.

**EDUCATION DEBT CAN FOLLOW YOU TO THE GRAVE.** It's difficult to erase education loans in bankruptcy court, and the U.S. government can even take a portion of your Social Security checks, normally off limits to creditors, if you fail to repay federal loans.

Certified financial planner

Monica L. Dwyer of West Chester, Ohio, whose three children attend the University of Cincinnati, was upfront with them about how much help they could expect. Each child had about \$25,000 in 529 college savings plans, plus Dwyer and her husband, Sean, pay for food, health insurance, cell service and car insurance if the child lives at home.

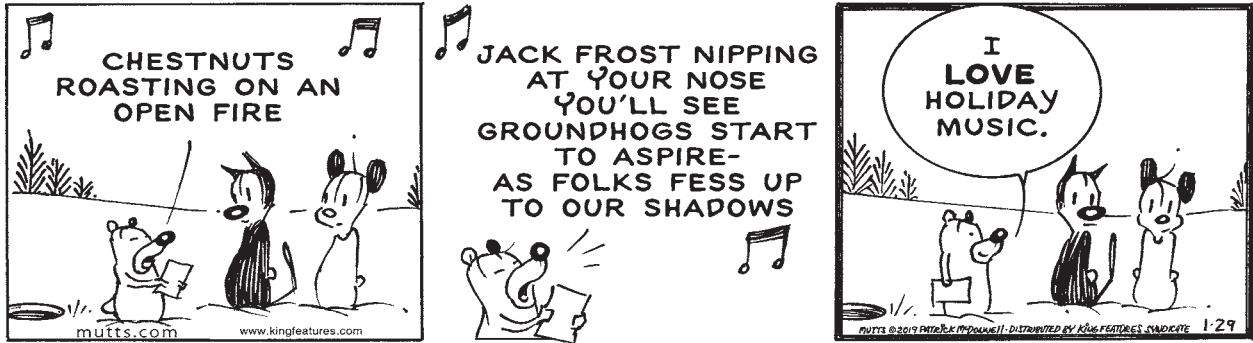
"I think that if you give children limits, and explain what they have available to them, they will likely make the right decisions," she says. "Or maybe I have been lucky."

The Dwyers refuse to co-sign private loans or take out parental loans. The kids got jobs and federal student loans, which are limited to \$5,500 the first year, to help cover tuition and books. Sean Dwyer recently took a post as an academic advisor at the university, so the \$11,000 annual tuition is now waived for all three kids and "it is such a huge relief for our family," Dwyer says.

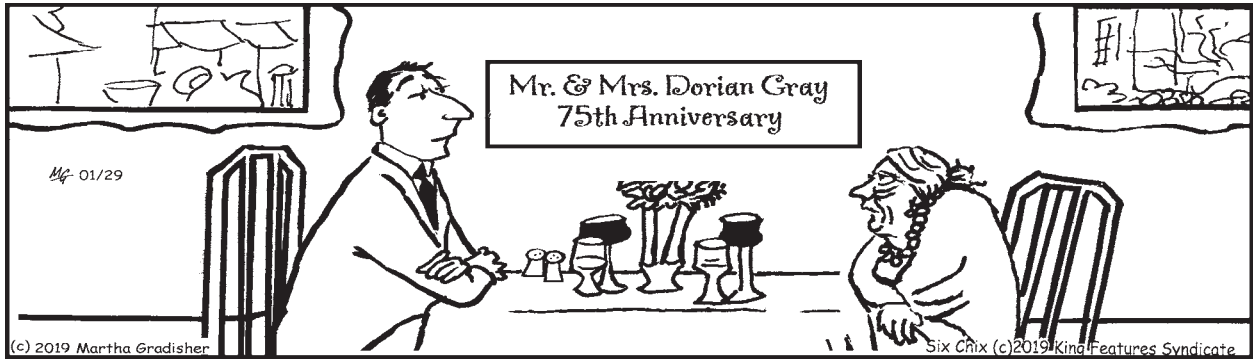
CFP Martisha Patterson of Nutley, New Jersey, also put conditions on her college help. If her daughter had attended an in-state public school, she could have lived on campus. Because she opted for City University of New York, where she's now a sophomore, she commutes the roughly 15 miles from home to offset the higher cost for out-of-state students. □



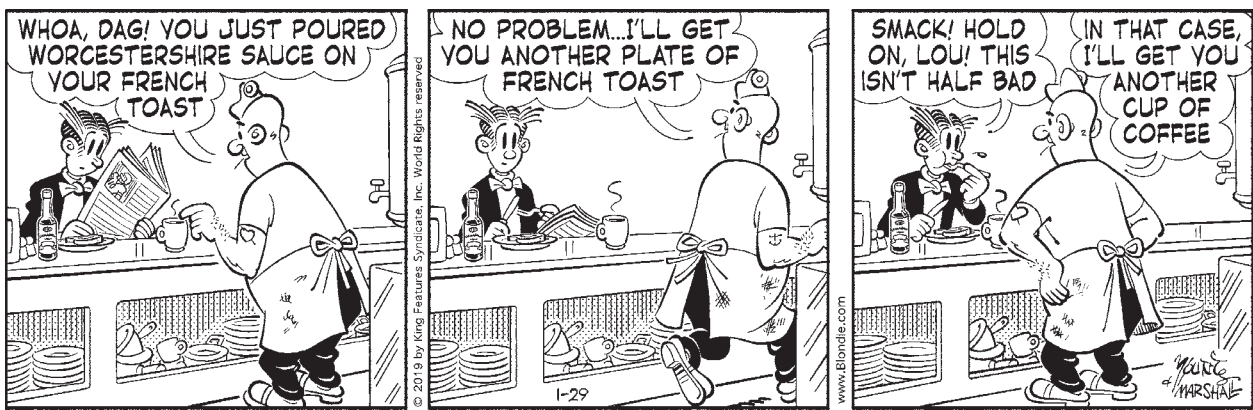
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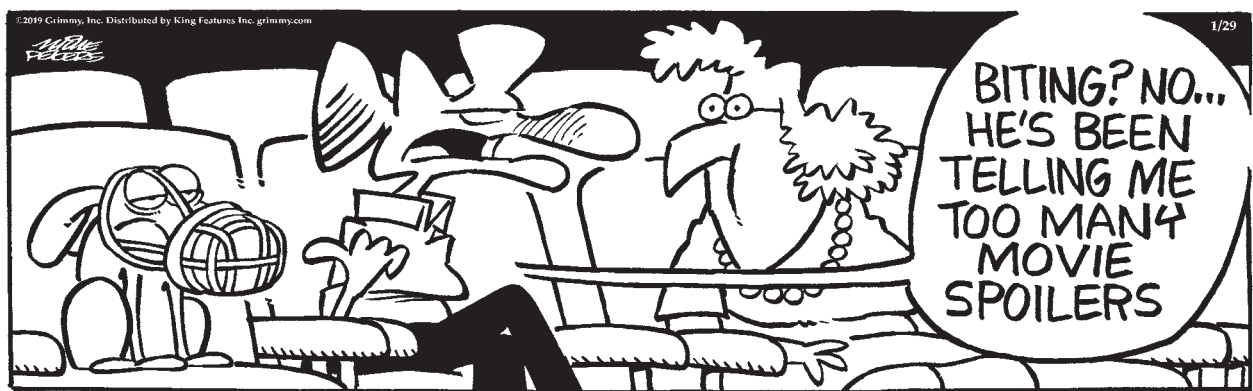
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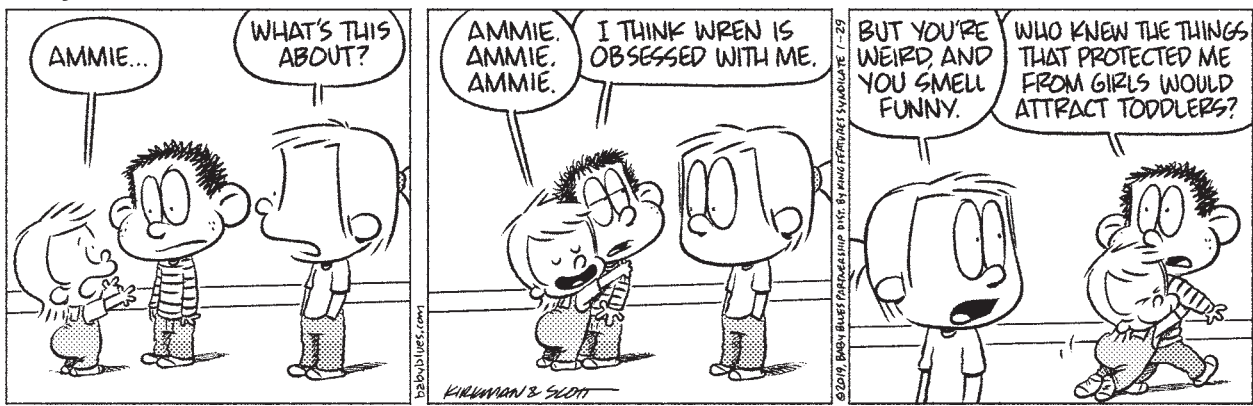
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Difficulty Level ★★ 1/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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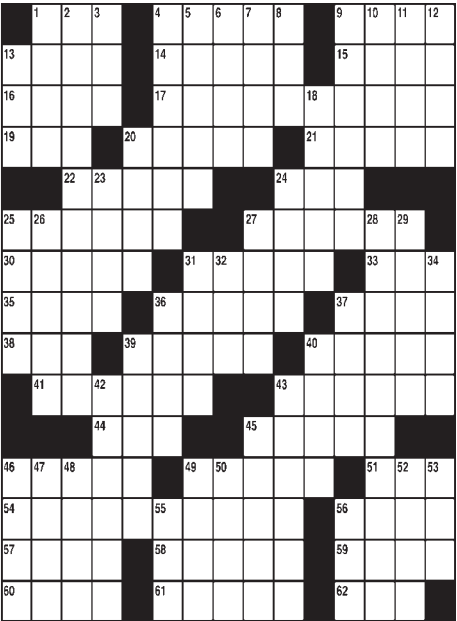
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ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ off; steal from  
4 Concluded  
9 Loader, for one  
13 Bylaw  
14 Safe's partner, in phrase  
15 Wee  
16 Sword handle  
17 Vehicle  
19 \_\_\_ rampage; raging  
20 Stengel or Affleck  
21 Performed  
22 Window covering  
24 Floating zoo?  
25 Ransack; destroy  
27 Dusk  
30 Martini garnish  
31 Puts on weight  
33 Big kahuna, for short  
35 Rx label info  
36 Entice  
37 Actor Wilder  
38 That woman  
39 Wild felines  
40 Sudden forward rush  
41 Lets in  
43 Rich oil well  
44 Thirsty  
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45 Largest artery  
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49 Bisect  
51 "Absolutely \_\_\_"; firm refusal  
54 Not excessive  
56 June 6, 1944  
57 Chutzpah  
58 Refueling ship  
59 NFL officials  
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- 1 Spoil  
2 Foolhardy  
3 Flea collar wearer  
4 Get away  
5 Lasso's loop  
6 Sand mound



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40 Artificial fishing bait  
42 Skimpy; meager  
43 Reign  
45 Steve or Tim  
46 Encourage  
47 Enlarge a hole  
48 Soothing ointment  
49 Wicked weather  
50 Qualified  
52 Clumsy fellows  
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# Toshiba unveils robot to probe melted Fukushima nuclear fuel

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Toshiba Corp. unveiled a remote-controlled robot with tongs on Monday that it hopes will be able to probe the inside of one of the three damaged reactors at Japan's tsunami-hit Fukushima nuclear plant and grip chunks of highly radioactive melted fuel. The device is designed to slide down an extendable 11-meter (36-foot) long pipe and touch melted fuel inside the Unit 2 reactor's primary containment vessel. The reactor was built by Toshiba and GE. An earlier probe carrying a camera captured images of pieces of melted fuel in the reactor last year, and robotic probes in the two other reactors have detected traces of damaged fuel, but the exact location, contents and other details remain largely unknown. Toshiba's energy systems unit said experiments with the new probe planned in



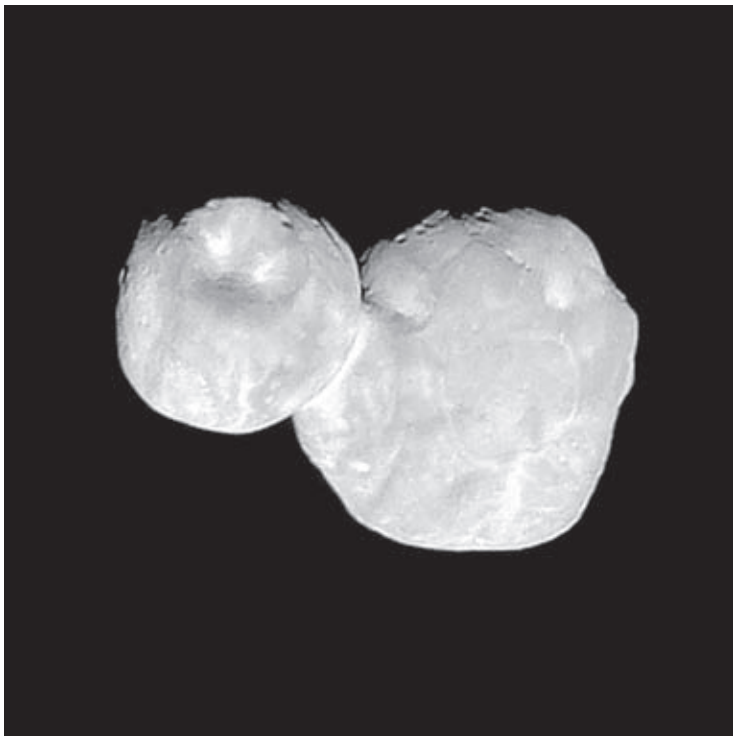
Toshiba Corp.'s energy systems unit group manager Jun Suzuki shows a remote-controlled melted fuel probe device at its facility in Yokohama, near Tokyo, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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February are key to determining the proper equipment and technologies needed to remove the fuel debris, the most challenging part of the decommissioning process expected to take decades. The three reactors at the Fukushima plant suffered core meltdowns after a massive 2011 earthquake

and tsunami damaged key cooling systems. In last year's probe, a camera developed by Toshiba Energy Systems & Solutions Corp. and the Interna-

tional Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning found large amounts of deposits in that area, including parts that resembled pebbles or gravel. The 30-centimeter (12-inch) long robot unveiled Monday will carry a radiation dosimeter, thermometer, LED lights, a camera and a pair of tongs as it slowly slides down from a pipe. The probe, attached by a cable on its back, is to dangle from the pipe and descend to the bottom of the reactor vessel's pedestal, a structure directly below the core from which the melted fuel fell. Toshiba plans to use the new device to touch and grip the deposits with the tongs, which can hold a lump as wide as 8 centimeters (3 inches) weighing up to two kilograms (4.4 pounds), to investigate its hardness and other details, said Jun Suzuki, a Toshiba ESS group manager for the project. □



This Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 image made available by NASA on Thursday, Jan. 24 shows the Kuiper belt object Ultima Thule, about 1 billion miles beyond Pluto, encountered by the New Horizons spacecraft.

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## Faraway space snowman is pitted and has bright 'collar'

By MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The space snowman visited by NASA on New Year's Day is pitted all over and has a bright "collar" between its two fused spheres. These are the newest details to emerge about Ultima Thule, the most distant object ever explored. A close-up picture taken by NASA's New Horizons spacecraft right before closest approach on Jan. 1, and released Thursday, shows lots of little pits on Ultima Thule. They're less than a half-mile (0.7 kilometers) across. There's also a much bigger, circular depression on the smaller lobe, considered the snowman's head. Scientists don't know if these are impact craters or sinkholes. Categorized as a contact binary, the approximately 20-mile-long (32-kilometer-long), reddish Ultima Thule

has both light and dark patterns. The brightest spot is where the two lobes connect. Scientists say the varied shading may help explain how the ancient object was formed, as the solar system was emerging 4.5 billion years ago. Lead scientist Alan Stern of Southwest Research Institute promises even better pictures during the next month. It will take almost two years for New Horizons to transmit all the data from the flyby, 4 billion miles (6.4 billion kilometers) away. At such a vast distance, it takes more than six hours for radio signals to travel one way. New Horizons is already more than 19 million miles (30.5 million ki-

lometers) beyond Ultima Thule. Launched in 2006, the spacecraft became the first visitor to the dwarf planet Pluto in 2015. Ultima Thule was its second target. A third destination — even deeper inside the so-called Kuiper Belt on the frozen fringes of our solar system — could be possible in the 2020s. □

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# Valentino's dramatic Paris couture has Celine Dion weeping

By THOMAS ADAMSON

**PARIS (AP)** — Valentino took drama to its height at its Wednesday spring couture collection in Paris, where Celine Dion wept theatrically as a solemn Naomi Campbell swept past to close the house's show in a see-through black organza gown.

The VIP crowd that was surrounded by multicolored perfumed flowers whooped during a standing ovation as snow fell outside.

Here are some highlights of Wednesday's spring-summer 2019 couture collections:

## VALENTINO'S FLOWER WOMEN

On couturier Pierpaolo Piccioli's request, Valentino's seamstresses named each and every couture dress after a flower or emotion.

This detail reveals the preciousness that the designer and his atelier bestowed on the 65 carefully constructed looks, in which each model was transformed into a silken bloom.

A surreal red rose hood opened the collection, enveloping the model's head. Later gowns were less unusual or daring, producing a display in which Piccioli offered a more classical interpretation of floral couture.

Wednesday's effort lacked some of the vigor of Picci-



A model wears a creation for Jean-Paul Gaultier's Spring/Summer 2019 Haute Couture fashion collection presented in Paris, Wednesday Jan.23, 2019.

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oli's standout collection last season, but it was poetic, thoughtful and color-rich. Aquarelle floral print on a draped pant look sported billowing sleeves that harkened to the Italy-based house's touchstone of the Renaissance.

A dramatic tiered pant-gown shimmered with floral lace encrustations and pearls. It took some 620 hours to make, according to the program notes.

## RAMI MALEK LOVES PARIS

A smiling Rami Malek cut a dapper figure decked out in Valentino, inside the Ho-

tel Salomon de Rothschild, with his girlfriend Lucy Boynton.

Malek says he's still riding a high following his Oscar best actor nomination for portraying Queen front-man Freddie Mercury in "Bohemian Rhapsody" and enjoying the fashion scene. "I see this very much as high art. It's a really special occasion to see some couture — the cream of the crop," he said.

Malek, who was born and raised in Los Angeles to Egyptian immigrant parents, said he was also en-

joying being in the city where some of his family lives.

"It's extraordinary to be here with my family on a magical snowy day in Paris," he said, adding that "the politics of Egypt in the 1970s is why my family is here."

## GAULTIER'S ASIAN WATERS

It was a typically tongue-in-cheek affair for Gaultier.

This season, a particularly theatrical vision of Asia was served up in combination with a water theme.

Gaultier's signature maritime stripe opened the show on an Asian model

with a cinched oriental waist. The Asian theme became more obvious as the collection progressed beginning with a look from Gaultier muse, model Anna Cleveland.

She rocked a diaphanous pleated organza gown with voluminous sleeves and a black crisscross "martial arts" lapel. It was topped with a huge, piled-up Oriental wig, an accessory featured throughout the show.

The program notes then listed a series of looks inspired by the sea such as "New Wave," featuring an undulating black-and-white striped organza front piece.

Then, a dark wool pant suit with jagged "fin" shoulders called "Stop Being a Shark" filed by, prompting chuckles from some seated guests.

## GAULTIER'S DIVERSITY

Sports Illustrated cover model Irina Shayk heaped praise on Gaultier for championing diversity and creating collections that could speak to all kinds of men and women of different ages and style.

"That's what makes him so special in the fashion industry. He broke all the barriers," said Shayk, ahead of the summer show that featured Asian and black models and played on Asia-inspired styles. □

# Carrie Bradshaw, 'The Dude' to star in Super Bowl commercial

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Sarah Jessica Parker and Jeff Bridges are bringing a couple of famed characters back to life for a charity in a new Super Bowl commercial.

Parker will reprise her "Sex and the City" Carrie Bradshaw role and Bridges will appear as "The Dude" in a Stella Artois commercial to raise money to combat water shortage. The 45-second ad launches Monday and will be televised during Super Bowl 53 on Feb. 3.

"There will be a lot of men drinking during the Super Bowl, so why not buy some

beer that'll do some good for the planet and the world," Bridges said in an interview with The Associated Press before shooting the ad.

The "Pour It Forward" campaign is an initiative between the beer brand and Water.org, co-founded by actor Matt Damon. Both will donate between one to 12 months of clean water to someone in an underdeveloped country based on the amount of Stella Artois packs bought.

Bridges said there's a "tremendous need" for the initiative, while Parker called the campaign an "important and potentially im-

pactful effort."

Parker starred as the fashionable Bradshaw on the hit television series "Sex in the City." Bridges is known as the nonchalant, knit-sweater-wearing character Jeffrey "The Dude" from the cult classic film "The Big Lebowski."

Parker said she and Bridges enjoyed having their characters meet up.

In the commercial, the two separately order the beer instead of their favorite drink and end up sitting next to each other. Bradshaw prefers a Cosmopolitan cocktail, while The Dude's usual is a White Russian cocktail.



This undated image provided by Stella Artois shows a scene from the company's Super Bowl spot with Jeff Bridges.

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"I really like the way they created this world," said Parker, who said she doesn't expect to play Bradshaw in "Sex and the City" anytime

soon. "It's allowing this sort of a familiarity. People associate those characters without us literally playing them." □



# 'Glass' is No. 1 again, McConaughey's 'Serenity' flops

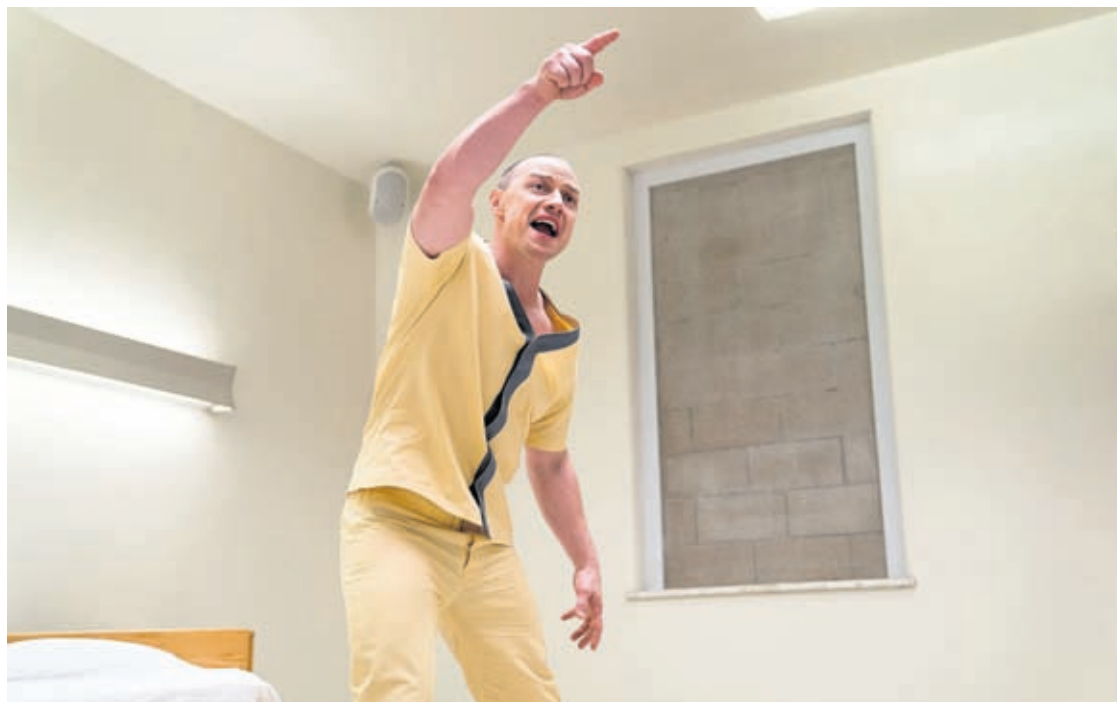
By JAKE COYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Matthew McConaughey notched one of the worst debuts of his career, Oscar nominees saw only modest bumps and M. Night Shyamalan's "Glass" easily remained No. 1 on a quiet weekend in movie theaters.

The weekend's two new wide releases — McConaughey's tropic noir "Serenity" and the updated King Arthur tale "The Kid Who Would Be King" — both flopped with moviegoers who instead continued to flock to "Glass" and Kevin Hart's "The Upside."

Shyamalan's sequel to "Unbreakable" and "Split" sold \$19 million in tickets according to estimates Sunday, a decent 53 percent drop from its opening weekend. In 10 days of release, Shyamalan's self-financed thriller has made \$73.6 million domestically and \$162.7 million globally. "The Upside," starring Hart and Bryan Cranston, also stayed lodged in second place with \$12.2 million in its third weekend.

The weekend's biggest



This image released by Universal Pictures shows James McAvoy in a scene from M. Night Shyamalan's "Glass."

budget new entry, "The Kid Who Would Be King," opened poorly with \$7.3 million against a \$59 million budget. The 20th Century Fox release, produced by Working Title, was written and directed by "Attack of the Block" filmmaker Joe Cornish. In his modern-day London version of the legend, a working-class boy

pulls Excalibur from a stone. Though "The Kid Who Would Be King" drew good reviews (86 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and was largely pleasing to audiences (who gave it a B-plus CinemaScore), Cornish's film came in on the low side of already undersized expectations.

Smaller still was "Serenity,"

from the recently launched distributor Aviron Pictures. Though boasting a respected writer-director (Steven Knight, the creator of "Peaky Blinders" and maker of 2013's "Locke") and a starry cast including Anne Hathaway and Jason Clarke, "Serenity" made only a minor disturbance at the box office with \$4.8 mil-

lion in ticket sales.

The film, about a fishing boat captain on a mysterious island, was lambasted by critics (21 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and audiences agreed, giving it a D-plus CinemaScore. The film, made for about \$25 million, is among McConaughey's weakest performing wide-release debuts, behind only 2017's "Gold" and 1996's "Larger Than Life." For Hathaway, it's a new low.

Several Oscar contenders added theaters over the weekend to capitalize on Tuesday's nominations. Peter Farrelly's "Green Book," nominated for five awards including best picture, received the biggest bump, taking in \$5.4 million in its widest releases yet (2,430 theaters in its 11th week of release).

"Green Book" was the only Oscar film to crack the top 10. "Bohemian Rhapsody," which has already surpassed \$600 million internationally, added another \$8.7 million overseas. It also took in \$2.5 million domestically. □

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## Meg Medina wins Newbery medal, Sophie Blackall the Caldecott



This cover image released by Candlewick Press shows "Merci Suárez Changes Gears," by Meg Medina, which won the John Newbery Medal.

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By HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Meg Medina's "Merci Suarez Changes Gears," the story of a Florida sixth grader's struggles at school and

at home, has won the prestigious John Newbery Medal for "outstanding contribution to children's literature." Sophie Blackall's "Hello Lighthouse," in which the natural world is seen through the eyes of a lighthouse keeper, received the Randolph Caldecott Medal for best picture book.

The awards, the year's most anticipated in the children's books community, were announced Monday by the American Library Association.

Claire Hartfield's "A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919" won the Coretta Scott King author award for African-American literature, while Ekua Holmes was given the King illustrator award. Elizabeth Acevedo's "The Poet X," winner last fall of the National Book Award for

young people's literature, received the Michael L. Printz Award for best young adult novel and the Pura Belpre author award for Latino literature. The Belpre award for illustration went to Yuyi Morales for "Dreamers." Tara Westover's best-selling memoir "Educated" was among 10 winners of the Alex Award for adult works appealing to teen readers. Medina, a Cuban-American and author of young adult, middle-grade and picture books, has received numerous previous awards. She won the Belpre author prize in 2014 for "Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass" and an Ezra Jack Keats medal in 2012 for best new writer. Blackall is an Australian-born artist and illustrator whose other works include "Are You Awake?" □

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# 'Black Panther' wins top honor at SAG Awards, 'Maisel' soars

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Black Panther" took the top award at Sunday's 25th Screen Actors Guild Awards, giving Ryan Coogler's superhero sensation its most significant awards-season honor yet and potentially setting up Wakanda for a major role at next month's Academy Awards.

The two leading Oscar nominees — "Roma" and "The Favourite" — were bypassed by the actors guild for a best ensemble field that also included "BlackKlansman," "Crazy Rich Asians," "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "A Star Is Born." Although "Black Panther" wasn't nominated for any individual SAG Awards, it took home the final award at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Before a stage full of actors, Chadwick Boseman tried to put into context the moment for the trailblazing "Black Panther," which also won for its stunt performer ensemble. "To be young, gifted and black," he said, quoting the Nina Simone song.

"We know what it's like to be told there isn't a screen for you to be featured on, a stage for you to be featured on. ... We know what's like to be beneath and not above. And that is what we went to work with every day," said Boseman. "We knew that we could create a world that exemplified a world we wanted to see. We knew that we had something to give."

The win puts "Black Panther" squarely in contention for best picture at the Academy Awards where it's nominated for seven honors including best picture. Actors make up the largest percentage of the academy, so their preferences can have an especially large impact on the Oscar race. In the last decade the SAG ensemble winner has gone on to win best picture at the Academy Awards half of the time.

In the lead acting categories, Glenn Close and Rami Malek solidified themselves as front-runners with wins



Danai Gurira, Isaach de Bankole, Chadwick Boseman, Lupita Nyong'o and Angela Bassett from the cast of "Black Panther," accept award for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture at the 25th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium & Expo Hall on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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that followed their triumphs at the Golden Globes. The 71-year-old Close, a seven-time nominee but never an Oscar winner, won best actress for her performance in "The Wife." In her speech, she spoke about the power of film in a multiscreen world.

"One of the most powerful things we have as human beings are two eyes looking into two eyes," said Close. "Film is the only art form that allows us the close-up." Malek, winning best actor over Christian Bale ("Vice") and Bradley Cooper ("A Star Is Born") for his performance in "Bohemian Rhapsody," seemingly sealed the Oscar many are predicting for him. Malek's awards are mounting even as the director of "Bohemian Rhapsody," Bryan Singer, is facing multiple accusations of sexual assault with minors. Singer has denied the claims.

As he did at the Globes, Malek dedicated his award to Mercury.

"I get some power from him that's about stepping up and living your best life, being exactly who you want to be and accomplishing everything you so desire," said Malek.

More surprising was Emily Blunt's best supporting actress win for her performance in the horror thriller "A Quiet Place." Blunt, also nominated by the guild for her lead performance in "Mary Poppins Returns," was visibly shocked. She wasn't among Tuesday's Oscar nominees for either film.

"Guys. That truly has blown my slicked hair back," said Blunt, who praised her husband and "A Quiet Place" director John Krasinski as a "stunning filmmaker." "Thank you for giving me the part. You would have been in major trouble if you hadn't."

Best supporting actor in a film went more as expected. Mahershala Ali, who won two years ago for "Moonlight," won for his performance in Peter Farrelly's interracial road trip "Green Book."

The Amazon series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" won the first three awards handed out Sunday, sweeping the comedy series awards. It won best ensemble in a comedy series, as well as individual honors for Rachel Brosnahan and Tony Shalhoub, whose win was a surprise in a category that included Bill Hader ("Barry")

and Michael Douglas ("The Kominsky Method").

"We cannot thank you enough," said Shalhoub, speaking for the cast. "Stay with us."

Tom Hanks presented the lifetime achievement award to Alan Alda, who in July revealed that he had been living with Parkinson's disease for more than three years. The 83-year-old actor took the stage to a standing ovation while the theme to "M.A.S.H." played. He said the award came at a reflective moment for him.

"I see more than ever now how proud I am to be a part of our brotherhood and sisterhood of actors," said Alda. "It may never have been more urgent to see the world through another person's eyes. When a culture is divided so sharply, actors can help — a least a little — just by doing what we do. And the nice part is it's fun to do it. So my wish for all of us is: Let's stay playful."

For the second time, the cast of "This Is Us" won best ensemble in a drama series. Other TV winners included Sandra Oh ("Killing Eve"), Darren Criss for "Assassination of Gianni Versace", Ja-

son Bateman ("Ozark") and Patricia Arquette ("Escape at Dannemora"). Arquette thanked Special Counsel investigator Robert Mueller "and everyone working to make sure we have sovereignty for the United States of America."

The SAG Awards had one thing the Oscars don't: a host. Emcee Megan Mullally kicked off the awards by tweaking their role among the many honors leading up to next month's Oscars. She called the SAGs "the greatest honor an actor can receive this weekend." The show did not boost the chances of other Oscar hopefuls, "A Star Is Born," "The Favourite" and "BlackKlansman," which were all shut out Sunday night.

Among the attendees Sunday was Geoffrey Owens, the "Cosby Show" actor who caused a stir when he was photographed working at a New Jersey Trader Joe's. He was among the performers who began the show with the SAG Awards' typical "I am an actor" testimony. The SAGs also made time for one reunion: "Fatal Attraction" stars Michael Douglas and Glenn Close joined each other on stage as presenters. □



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